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TRANSCRIPT
North Adams, Mass.

DEC 20 1935

New Post?



Dr. Payson Smith, who was succeeded as state commissioner of education yesterday by Supt. James G. Reardan of the Adams public schools, has been invited to take presidency of Springfield college but has reached no decision.

Springfield, Dec. 20—An invitation to become president of Springfield college has been extended to Dr. Payson Smith, who yesterday left office as state commissioner of education after 18 years' service, it became known last night. While no official announcement to that effect has been made, it has been reported definitely that the trustees of the college extended the offer to Dr. Smith some time ago, having in mind the possibility that Gov. James M. Curley would not reappoint him as state commissioner.

Reached at his home at Brookline, Dr. Smith was asked whether he had made any decision in regard to the local college. He said he had made no decision.

"Just say," he said, "that I am not making definite plans at present."

The relationships between Dr. Smith and the local college have always been extremely cordial. The former state commissioner has regarded the local institution as filling a special need in the field of education, while the college itself has observed in Dr. Smith a man of high talents, whose contributions to education have been valuable beyond estimate.

Payson Smith Invited To Head Springfield College

Although no Official Announcement Has Been Made, it is Reported Definitely That the Trustees Offered the Former Commissioner the Position Some Time Ago—Mr. Smith Says That He is Making no Definite Plans as Yet—Trustees Believe That Dr. Smith Emphasizes Institutional Ideas of College, Namely the Building of Individual Character—Resignation of President Doggett of Springfield Becomes Effective Jan. 1st.

Dr. Smith has developed this prestige that must inevitably reflect credit on any institution he undertook to serve. He has been considered for years one of the 10 foremost public school educators in the country, and during the past quarter of a century, has gained national distinction through his administration of New England school systems. He is widely known for his scholarship, breadth of experience and his insight into the administration problems of education. During 1923-1924, Dr. Smith was president of the National Education association.

Payson Smith is 62 years of age. He was born at Portland, Me., February 11, 1873, the son of John Parker and Margaret (Bolton) Smith. He was educated at Westbrook seminary and Tufts college, receiving an honorary A. M. degree in 1903. He received the doctor of laws degree from the University of Maine in 1908 and from Norwich university in 1928. In 1909, he received the doctor of literature degree from Bates, and in 1911, from Bowdoin. He also has the doctor of education degree, granted by the Rhode Island State College of Education in 1926.

He was principal of high schools and superintendent of schools at Canton, Me., and state superintendent of public schools of Maine from 1907 to 1917. On July 1, 1917, he became state commissioner of education of Massachusetts. Dr. Smith married Carrie Emily Swasey of Canton, Me., April 18, 1898. They have one son, Norman Smith, instructor of Greek at Westbrook seminary.

Should Dr. Smith accept the presidency of Springfield college, he will succeed a man who has held the post for almost 40 years. Dr. Doggett's resignation becomes effective January 1, and the trustees of the college have given a temporary appointment as acting president to Dr. A. Z. Mann, dean of the college.

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CURLEY CONTINUES ROTCH CRITICISM

"Emphasizes Necessity for an Immediate Change"

IN STATE WPA

Says "Excuse Payment of Wages Has Been Delayed But Five Days is Disproved."

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TOWNSEND HEAD ATTACKS CURLEY

Claims Governor's Hostility Has Aided Followers

IN THIS STATE

Manager of Organization Claims it Has Enough Votes to Defeat Him in 1936.

Boston, Dec. 20.—An analysis of Gov. Curley's vote in the last election shows that even if he maintained his 1934 popularity with the ordinary voters, the Townsend clubs of Massachusetts could swing enough votes to defeat him for any state office in 1936, declared Charles M. Hawks, state Townsend club manager, yesterday.

In answer to Gov. Curley's speaking campaign in favor of the national social security act, Hawks declared the governor's speeches hostile to Townsendism were largely responsible for the fact that the state now leads the East in the number of new members each week.

"Every time Curley speaks we get 2500 new paid up members," said Hawks, who is the father of Frank Hawks, aviator. "Curley was elected governor by only a little more than 100,000 votes. Supposing he held his strength next election with the ordinary voters, it would take only a little more than 50,000 Townsend votes swung to the rival candidate to retire him permanently from public office. At present we already have 300,000 signers to petitions in this state favoring the Townsend bill. If only half of them went to the polls, we would have three times enough votes to dispose of Curley and, thanks to Curley's speaking campaign against us, we are growing at the rate of more than 2500 paid up members every week."

He said the movement was growing most rapidly in the sections where the press was most hostile and had developed the most effective propaganda machine in the history of the world. He said more than 3,000,000 persons had paid initiation fees of 25 cents each and were meeting, through their clubs, monthly

quotas of 10 cents per capita. Their national newspaper claims a circulation of 2,500,000.

To support his claim that Gov. Curley's hostility to Townsendism and support of the social security act had helped the Townsends, Hawks released figures for new members enrolled in 11 eastern states last week, showing 17 Massachusetts organizers had enrolled almost as many as the 10 other states combined. Four states, Maine, Delaware, Maryland and Rhode Island, reported no new members at all.

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Politics

After almost 20 years of service Dr. Payson Smith, of 1805 Beacon Street, was finally ousted Wednesday as State Commissioner of Education, following the rejection by the Executive Council of Governor Curley's nomination of Dr. Smith for re-appointment, on which Lieutenant Governor Hurley voted with the three Republicans for re-appointment. The vote was five to four. The nomination of James G. Reardon, superintendent of schools at Adams, was confirmed by a party vote of six to three.

On a committee to organize a safety drive in auto driving named last week by Governor Curley were Judge Philip S. Parker, of 141 Carleton Street, and Dr. Payson Smith.

Speaking of the case brought last week against Edmund L. Dolan, former city treasurer, Representative Philip G. Bowker, of 48 Welland Street, said this week to Boston reporters, "I sincerely trust that the city's case in the supreme court against Edmund L. Dolan and others, as an investigation of city affairs under the mayoralty of James M. Curley, will be as pleasing to His Excellency as his audit of the town of Brookline was to me."

A meeting of the Lithuanian Women's Republican Club of Greater Boston in Cambridge Thursday featured an address by Miss Sybil Holmes of Brookline, former assistant attorney-general of Massachusetts.

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TIMES
Beverly, Mass.
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Curley Club Members Aid In Extinguishing Blaze

Box 51 was sounded at 12:20 o'clock this noon for a fire in a tenement occupied by Mrs. Leonida Ranieri at 396 Cabot street. The fire was discovered by John Connolly and members of the Ward Five Curley club, who saw the blaze from their club rooms across the street.

The fire was believed to have been caused by children playing with matches and the blaze caught the curtains in a front room and scotched the woodwork and furniture. Members of the Ward Five Curley club after sounding the alarm rushed to the tenement and assisted in extinguishing the fire. The damage was slight.

"IN THE BAG?"

The St. Louis Post Dispatch has scooped the country, if we are not mistaken, in digging another item of interest out of the President's address to the conference of mayors, held in Washington last week. It reads:

"We haven't had a (tax) revision and I think the time is coming—not this coming session of Congress, because we hope that it will be a very short session—but by the following year, when all of us can get together

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Brockton, Mass.

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gives as well as what he gets.

Thirty billion dollars is the most recent estimate of the national debt. Did you ever stop and think who owes it?

The palpable political trick by which he disposed of Dr. Payson Smith as commissioner of education does not save Gov. Curley's face.

There's one commendable feature in the British system. When a fellow doesn't put it over, as in the case of Sir Samuel Hoare, foreign minister, he steps down and out.

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CHURCH PROTESTS PAROLE PROPOSED BY GOV. CURLEY

BOSTON, Dec. 20-(AP)—A Worcester church has protested one of the Christmas paroles proposed to the executive council by Governor James M. Curley.

The protest came from the Pleasant Street Baptist Church and concerned Henry A. Gardner, convicted incendiary, for whom Curley favored commutation of sentence.

Gardner, a Worcester youth, was sentenced in 1932 to 10 to 12 years for burning a building. The Pleasant street church was allegedly fired by Gardner.

The Governor recommended clemency for five state prison inmates through commutation of their sentences to make them eligible for parole at Wednesday's council meeting. Action was postponed until Monday.

Two "lifers" serving time for murder were among those recommended. One is Samuel Powers of Westfield, who has been in prison since 1914 for slaying his wife. The other is Wojciech Birusz of Salem, sentenced in 1920 for killing Mary B. Lavoie. It was expected he would be deported to his native Poland if freed.

The Governor also announced 200 prisoners serving time at the state farm at Bridgewater for drunkenness would be freed next week, but Richard Olney, chairman of the Board of Paroles, said the figure was "a little more than 100" and added, "they would have been freed at that time anyway."

Curley said twenty women at the Women's Reformatory at Sherborn would be freed and the state Board of Parole had authorized parole of 15 prisoners at Concord reformatory by Christmas and 14 more by Jan. 31.

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Bangor, Me.
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CURLEY WARNS OF DELAY IN PAYING OFF WPA WORKERS

BOSTON, Dec. 19—Delays in payment to WPA workers were described tonight by Governor James M. Curley as being conducive to the "possibility of riots and bloodshed" unless the money was forthcoming by Christmas.

He made the statement in a letter to Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, after a telephone conversation about such situations in Massachusetts with Postmaster James A. Farley.

The governor referred particularly to the situation in Lowell, where approximately 3,000 WPA workers have reportedly received no pay since Nov. 21.

"What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employes have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails."

Plymouth County Democrats Meet Until 1 A. M. To-Day



ATTY. OVIDE V. FORTIER.
Reception Chairman.



THOMAS H. BUCKLEY.
Attacks WPA Delays.



CHARLES C. LUCEY.
Chairman of Meeting.

Democrats Attack WPA Delays Here

County League Is Told That Chairman Buckley Will Be Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, Favors Bill Splitting Plymouth-Norfolk D.-A. Office, and Praises New Commissioner of Education, Reardan---Prominent Speakers.

Attacks on the WPA from the State administrator to the local branch office, the favoring of the bill to split the Norfolk-Plymouth district-attorney set-up and the praising of the new State commissioner of education, James G. Reardan, featured the meeting of the Plymouth County League of Democratic Voters Thursday evening in Pythian Temple.

Pythian Temple was crowded and the session lasted from 8 o'clock until 1 o'clock this morning. The Roosevelt-Curley Recovery Club of this city was the host and the setting and programme put on was the finest since the league was formed. A 25-piece orchestra played selections under the leadership of Arthur S. Kendrew with Edward McCarthy as soloist. Beautiful floral baskets, the gift of the

Roosevelt-Curley Club, were presented State Auditor Buckley, chairman of the league, and Mayor-elect Crowley by Alderman McCaffrey.

The stage was artistically arranged with large pictures of President Roosevelt, Gov. Curley and the late Postmaster Edward Gilmore. A lighted Christmas tree, wreaths, seasonal greenery and furniture completed the setup.

Among the honored guests and speakers were Theodore A. Glynn of Boston, clerk of the Roxbury District court and former fire commissioner of Boston, who represented Gov. Curley; Atty Leo J. Halloran of Quincy, president of the Norfolk County League of Democratic Voters; Miss Elizabeth M. Herlihy of Boston, chairman of the State planning board; Senator James C. Scanlon of Somerville, candidate for State treasurer; Miss Mildred Keene of the federal housing board; United States Marshal John J. Murphy of Somerville; Charles H. McGlue, chairman of the State ballot law committee; John H. McAuliffe of Lawrence, chairman of the Junior Democratic Crusaders; Philip J. Russell of Fall River, member of the governor's council; John O'Brien of Boston, Mayor-elect Crowley and the next city marshal, William J. Murphy.

Attacks WPA Set-up.

The first attack on the WPA set-up and State Administrator Rotch was made by State Auditor Buckley.

Continued

who told of the failure of that organization to co-operate with the public works administration in the starting of sidewalks, roadside beautification and farm-to-market projects.

He read a detailed report of the progress of work on WPA sidewalk projects in Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Middleboro, Wareham, Lakeville and Whitman as rendered on Dec. 14 by John E. Troy, district highway engineer. According to the report not one of these projects has met the requirements specified and of this number the only one that has made any great progress is on Bedford street, Brockton avenue and Randolph street in Abington, but even on this one a requisition forwarded to Fall River on Nov. 29 for 51 laborers, a foreman and a time-keeper was never filled.

One of the Whitman members attacked the "snooping methods" used against the WPA workers in that town, and Water Commissioner John W. O'Neil and Chairman John P. A'Hearn of the Brockton democratic city committee attacked the local office for the working of girls late into the night instead of hiring additional help, and the failure of the landlord to provide proper heat in the local office so that persons might work without the possibility of losing their health.

In speaking of democracy Mr. Glynn stated: "One would think it was a great calamity because a Reardan replaced a Payson Smith. They need have no fear as the nation and State are safe in the hands of democracy."

He said the democrats were far too liberal with the republicans who now cry "Down with the new deal." He said we were a bankrupt nation when the democrats took control, and now the republicans are setting up a smoke screen. "They should thank God for the new deal," he declared.

Atty. Halloran, who announced that State Auditor Buckley would be the next nominee for lieutenant-governor, stated that State Administrator Rotch of the WPA was building up the most powerful republican machine in the State.

U. S. Marshal Murphy, the only democratic mayor of Somerville in 57 years, characterized the recent democratic victory in Brockton as worthy of State-wide recognition. He further stated that now was the time for Plymouth county to divorce itself from Norfolk county and elect its own district-attorney and county officers. He said: "You can't fall with an organization such as represented at this meeting," and he promised the support of all Somerville legislators to back up the bills sponsored by Rep. Downey.

He cautioned the democrats against giving the republicans any office, relating his experience as mayor of Somerville when those republicans who were in the minority were given positions at his urging or by appointment, and two years later went out and worked against him. He then said: "Clear them all out; don't give them a chance."

In referring to the new commis-

sioner of education, he said "Reardan is going to do a great job."

Greet Crowley, Murphy.

Mayor-elect Crowley, who came into the meeting late with his new marshal, Mr. Murphy, was the last speaker, and he thanked the members of the league who sent autos to Brockton on election day and helped to bring the victory to the democrats.

J. Edward Kane of Rockland, State committeeman, reported on the banquet which will be held in Whitman Town Hall on Jan. 16, and which will be in the form of a reception to Mayor-elect Crowley as well as State officers. John P. A'Hearn is in charge of the distribution of tickets.

Dr. William M. Bergan of Hull, chairman of the homes committee of the league, reported that the committee urged all banks or anyone holding mortgages on property to refrain from foreclosures during the winter time.

Joseph Noonan reported for the membership committee that with the additions since the last meeting the league has now 713 members. Mr. A'Hearn reported on the transportation at the recent city election here and William Arnold of Hull reported that the nominating committee recommended the same board of officers be elected and the date for the election was set for Jan. 30 at Hull.

On a motion by Water Commissioner O'Neil a letter will be sent to Dist.-Atty. Dewing urging the appointment of another democrat to take the place of the democrat, Atty. Ovide V. Fortier, who recently resigned. A committee of five will be named by Chairman Buckley to look into the WPA conditions in the county and make efforts to have these workers paid weekly instead of semi-monthly. The league voted to donate \$5 to the Enterprise Neediest Cases fund.

Committees in Charge.

At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served. The committees in charge of the meeting from the Roosevelt-Curley Recovery Club include the following: General chairman, Ex-Alderman Charles C. Lucey, president of the club; reception committee, Atty. Ovide V. Fortier, chairman; Dr. John W. Corbett, Dr. George N. Adelman, Alderman Charles McCaffrey, Rep. Joseph H. Downey, Judge Maurice J. Murphy, Atty. James A. Reilly, Atty. J. Norris Maguire, Dr. Jonah Fieldman and Thomas Hennessey; general committee, George Kennedy, Atty. Christopher J. O'Byrne, William O'Brien, Howard Chase, Robert A'Hearn, John Donovan, Andrew O'Connor, Frank Hollien, P. Joseph Corbett, Joseph Kelleher, Charles Hall, Howard Connolly, Councilman-elect C. Gerald Lucey and Daniel Golden; entertainment, Edward P. Neafsey and Frank Fitzpatrick.

Members of the Ruth Cleveland Club were patronesses under the leadership of President Mae Quinn, State democratic committeewoman. The ushers were Miss Mary Hennessey, Miss Mabel Sheehan, Miss Lillian Madden, Miss Claire Lucey, Mrs. May Timpany Cushman, Miss Bernice Lucey, Miss Evelyn McCarthy, Miss Eleanor Ryan, Miss Ina Flanagan and Miss Virginia Chase.

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CURLEY INSISTS ROTCH MUST GO

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—(UP)—Governor Curley said to-day there should be "an immediate change" in the WPA administration in Massachusetts.

Curley's observation was made in connection with a complaint which he had received from J. Henry Morgan, Wakefield democrat and supervisor of federal projects in that town.

Morgan reported that Wakefield WPA workers were in dire financial straits as result of "the absolute collapse of the payroll audit division at the WPA State headquarters."

"The feeble ex-use of the works progress administrator, Arthur G. Rotch, that payment of wages has been delayed but five days," Curley said, "is disproved by letter received this day and which letter emphasizes the necessity for an immediate change."

In the letter to which Curley referred, Morgan stated that there were 406 jobless in Wakefield, "most of whom have been without money for four weeks."

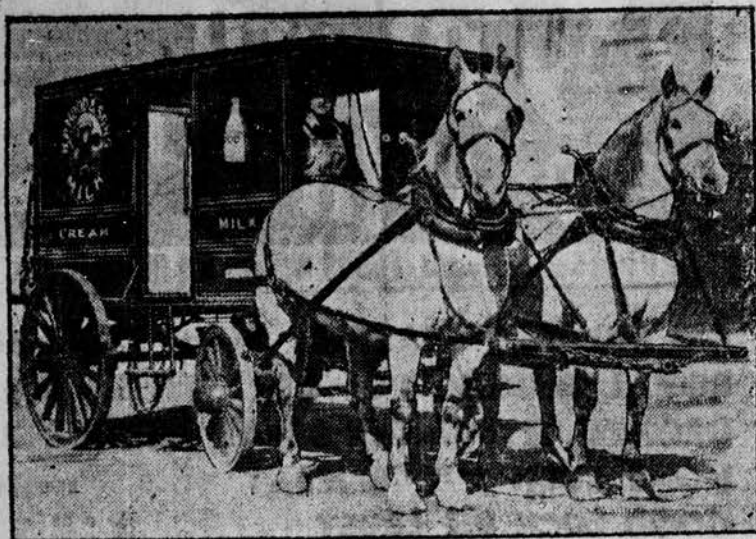
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Blue Ribbon Winners



Dizzy and Shorty, gray geldings from the Brookline stables of H. P. Hood & Sons, took first honors as the best pair of draft horses in the Horse Show of the 110th Cavalry, held in Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Thursday, Dec. 5th, before a brilliant audience, which included Gov. Curley and Gov. Brann of Maine.

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NEWS

Framingham, Mass.

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PAYSON SMITH REJECTED

There is something so brazenly coarse and self-centered about Gov. Curley's characteristic acts that many wonder why, with all of his abilities, he does not see their moral ugliness.

That he should want to put such a high-class man as Payson Smith out of office is at least understandable, on grounds quite well known in the great game of politics, as leaders in both parties often play that game. That much must be granted, however we may regret this practice.

But that Gov. Curley should do this senseless act of ravage on the commonwealth's great system of public education in the way he did it—that he conceived it to be creditable to himself and ingratiating to the gullible public for him to present the name of the eminent commissioner of education to the governor's council—let them reject it, as a matter well planned—then place before them at once the man he meant to put in this high office—that is a procedure so blur-eyed that the most charitable thing one can say, and possibly the truest, is this: "That man is often color-blind."

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Fitchburg, Mass.

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Curley Aims More Shafts At WPA Official

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her maid, are pictured near the death scene discussing the tragedy.

Banquet Given to Harry Kane

Group of Friends and Associates Celebrate Birthday of
New England Furniture Leader

The Swiss room at the Copley Plaza hotel in Boston was the scene Wednesday night of a testimonial birthday banquet arranged by more than 100 friends and business associates in honor of Harry Kane, one of New England's most aggressive and popular business leaders, president of the Kane Furniture Co., one of America's largest furniture institutions, operating fifteen great furniture stores in the New England states.

Many well known business executives were present, including David Lillienthal, Fox Furriers; Arthur Stone, vice president, first National Bank; Ben Elfman of Ben Elfman & Co.; J. H. Burke of Burke & Co.; Frank Houlihan, president of Moller's Inc.; Arthur Stern of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., and many others. Among the Kane executives present were, Max Weiss, general manager; Louis Kane, assistant treasurer; M. W. Bliss, president; R. I. supply division of the Kane Co.; Lloyd Bliss, treasurer R. I. supply division; M. Swanson, merchandise manager; B. Roberts, manager of the Boston store; J. Gold, manager of the Waltham store; J. Jurmain, manager of the Cambridge store and many others.

One of the highlights was the

presence of Theodore Glynn, former fire commissioner of Boston, personal representative of Gov. James M. Curley, who extended the official greetings of the Commonwealth to Mr. Kane, and glowingly commended him on behalf of the Governor on his amazing success in carrying his organization from a single store, a few short years ago, to its present position as one of America's greatest furniture institutions . . . on providing ever increasing employment and factory activity in New England and on furnishing such a splendid example of courage, leadership and Americanism during his entire business career.

Following Mr. Glynn, Frank Houlihan, as toastmaster, introduced M. W. Bliss, Arthur Stone, Arthur Stern, Ralph Kahn, Jack Cremmens and other friends and executives of the Kane Company who paid glowing tribute to Mr. Kane's leadership and success.

After the speeches Mr. Houlihan presented Mr. Kane with a great golden key, symbolic of the key to the new office furnished by friends and associates for Mr. Kane as their birthday gift, whereupon Mr. Kane responded in sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the tribute paid him.

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RECORDER

Greenfield, Mass.

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Curley Defends Pardon For Church Arsonist

BOSTON, —(AP)—Opposition of a Worcester church to a Christmas parole he had recommended for a convicted church incendiary caused Gov. James M. Curley to request a public hearing on his proposal. The hearing, before the pardons committee of the executive council, will be held Monday morning.

Gov. Curley said he was influenced in asking a parole for Henry A. Gardner, 32, of Worcester, who has served four years of a 10 to 12-year sentence, by the fact "it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penal department was unanimous in approval of the commutation of sentence."

"If a protest is justified in this case," said the governor, "by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness, and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all that it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

Curley said Gardner "was not in his right mind" when the offense was committed, "being under the influence of liquor," and that it was his first offense.

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Gardner, Mass.

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THE GARDNER

No voter above the mental capacity of a moron is deceived by this most obvious bluff. Governor Curley was given the power by the voters. We are getting the results that might have been expected. The pity is that there is another year of it.

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Gardner, Mass.

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REASON FOR PROTEST

Few crimes are more reprehensible than arson. Of late years with the determined efforts of insurance companies and the aid of municipal police departments considerable progress has been made in the breaking up of arson rings for the purpose of collecting insurance. This has been due to severe punishment of the guilty.

In the face of this, Governor Curley is planning to pardon Henry A. Gardner of Worcester, responsible on his own admission for the destruction of All Saints Episcopal church with a loss of \$450,000, the damaging of the Pleasant Street Baptist church and the setting of three other fires in residential buildings in January, 1932.

The governor recommended that the 10 to 12 year sentence imposed on five counts of incendiarism be lessened to four to 12 which would automatically make Gardner eligible for parole. Under the law the first requirement for eligibility to parole is to have served two-thirds of the minimum sentence. By getting six years chopped off the minimum set by the court the governor would make this arsonist eligible to go free again. And for some reason he intends to do it.

Every citizen who values life and property should protest making the decisions of our superior court the political playthings of any man and the turning loose again on a helpless public of such men as Henry A. Gardner.

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THE PITY OF IT

No charges of inefficiency were brought against Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education in Massachusetts for 20 years. He was and is an acknowledged leader in his field. Those who know the educational field urged his reappointment. So did other citizens who believe public offices of this type should be filled by capable men with as little relation to politics as is possible in this era of political preferment.

Governor Curley made the transparent gesture of submitting the name of Dr. Smith to his council but not until he had conferred with the Democratic members eighty minutes to make absolutely certain that Dr. Smith would escape confirmation.

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CURRENT COMMENT

BRUTALITY ON BEACON HILL

(The Boston Herald)

The Commonwealth has become so accustomed recently to hang its head in shame at the flagrant disregard on Beacon Hill of wholesome old principles and upright old practices that it expects additional outrages as a matter of course for another year. Nevertheless, the whole community will be shocked by the heartless ousting of Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education, and the immediate appointment and confirmation of his successor.

We lose a liberal, high-minded, conscientious, capable gentleman, who has served us admirably for 20 years without any thought of race, religion, partisan politics or anything except the good of the Commonwealth.

He has had the confidence and respect of every Governor but Mr. Curley. He has made the department of education one of the finest in the country, and a model for our sister states. Practically all the school superintendents in Massachusetts, with the conspicuous exception of the Adams man who replaces him, not only endorsed him but pleaded that he should have another term. Our own superintendent of schools, Patrick T. Campbell, was foremost in the vain effort to persuade the Governor to go the way of decency.

The peremptory removal of Commissioner Smith was obviously due to cheap, shoddy politics on the part of the Governor and of a Council majority which he dominates whenever he cares to. No other valid explanation of the proceedings of yesterday can be offered. In his blind rage at Republicans and at all others who refuse to do his bidding, the Governor is running amuck without concern for the damage which he is inflicting on the Commonwealth.

And how cowardly his tactics were! Disgraceful as the removal itself was, the methods employed were just as bad. The Governor went in mock seriousness through the empty formality of first presenting the name of Commissioner Smith, well knowing that by prearrangement the Council would refuse to confirm. The Governor is utterly childish if he has the notion that this self-serving action will deceive anybody, even the most gullible. He aggravated his gross offence by his transparent attempt to set up an alibi in advance.

The whole episode marks a new low in the administration of the affairs of the Commonwealth. One more charge has been added to the long list on which the unpacked jury of the people will vote when they go to the polls next year.

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an exchange of gifts and participated in a program of entertainment.

Boy Thanked by Curley For Blood Donation

AMESBURY—Charles Solari, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Solari, 122 Friend street, received a letter recently from Gov. James M. Curley, thanking him for a contribution of his blood for serum purposes in connection with infantile work. The Solari boy, a victim of the dread disease about three years ago, was one of a group of volunteers who went to the Anna Jaques hospital in Newburyport two weeks ago to give blood to the state authorities for the preparation of a serum. The governor expressed his appreciation of the boy's willingness to aid in the battle against the disease.

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will start as soon as they are received.

Reardon Sworn In as Dr. Smith's Successor

BOSTON (AP)—James G. Reardon, 36, superintendent of schools in Adams, was sworn in yesterday by Governor James M. Curley as Massachusetts' commissioner of education.

The young educator, whose nomination was confirmed Wednesday by the executive council after that body declined to approve the reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith, took the oath of office in the executive chambers in the presence of relatives and friends.

In brief remarks, after he administered the oath, Governor Curley told the new commissioner he was certain Reardon was well qualified to fill the office.

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With Tongue in Cheek

Governor Curley is a brilliant man. Brilliant men, sometimes, think the rest of us are so unpardonably stupid that they can do anything with us. They accept the movie count of us as intellectually fourteen years old. Our Governor made that mistake yesterday.

It has been in his mind for a considerable time to displace Payson Smith as Commissioner of Education in Massachusetts. There are men who feel they have such exceeding intellects that they do not want to be challenged by minds equal to their own. So there was no room for Payson Smith in the field where James M. Curley would be pre-eminent.

Be that so, it does not excuse the trick play by which the Governor forward-passed James G. Reardon, for a year superintendent of schools in Adams, into the office of State Commissioner of Education. The educators of Massachusetts had risen up in protest against the displacement of Payson Smith. The Governor, to satisfy them, and with his tongue in both cheeks, named Payson Smith for reappointment. His Council majority that votes as he dictates, rejected the appointment. Lieut.-Gov. Hurley, who aspires to be the next governor, voted for Smith—a becoming gesture. With Dr. Smith out of the way, in the historic hand-washing manner, Governor Curley appointed James G. Reardon. His dictated majority ratified the appointment.

A great educator has been displaced in the name of politics. A young man who so far has had no important administrative experience nor demonstrated any special leadership in educational fields succeeds him. Payson Smith's position as Commissioner of Education was not sacrosanct. He happens to be one of the outstanding educators in administrative positions in the United States. He has done a great piece of work in Massachusetts. He came here from Maine where he was head of the State Department of Education. That was twenty years ago. His appointment was thru the Department of Education. When we changed our charter the power of appointment of the Commissioner went directly to the Governor.

The superintendents of schools in Massachusetts found Payson Smith a great educator with whom politics counted nothing at all. They have been unanimous in their protest against the proposed change, with just one exception. Superintendent Reardon did not go on record as for the retention of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Reardon is a young man. He is entitled to every ounce of aid and support that can honestly be given to him in the large task that has been given to him. This is a democracy and we must give support to elected or chosen leaders. Massachusetts will hope its great educational program will be carried on in the able manner without which we can not have what we call education, be it public or private.

And while we can do no other than wish Mr. Reardon a genuine success we have to deplore that politics takes one step further towards the control of education in Massachusetts thru the displacement of a great educator thru whose administration the Massachusetts tradition of leadership in her educational system has been of outstanding ability and liberality.

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Curley Takes Fling Or Two At Smith And His Friends

Governor Administers Oath to Reardon, New State Education Official, and Says That No Person Is Indispens- able

BOSTON, Dec. 19—James Gerrard (Roddy) Reardon, 35-year-old small-town school superintendent, today took the oath as State Education Commissioner—one of the youngest men in the United States to hold such an office.

The oath was administered by Gov. James M. Curley, whose appointment of Reardon yesterday brought stinging rebukes from Republican and Democratic newspapers alike. Both Curley and Reardon are Democrats.

Afterward the Governor observed: "I want to say that I wish you every success in the office to which you have been appointed. I have appreciation that the education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours. If we all were to drop dead tomorrow other men and women would take our places who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the education department as well as any other place.

"You have a real responsibility and I am confident you will discharge it. That is the truest statement ever made. We sometimes kid ourselves that we are indispensable. I repeat there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

The new commissioner was accompanied by his wife and more than 100 relatives and friends.

Press attacks were directed not at Reardon personally but at the manner in which his appointment was put thru the Executive Council. Curley first announced he would reappoint Commissioner Payson Smith,

but added that if the Council, which is Curley-controlled, should reject Smith, he would appoint Reardon.

By a vote of 5 to 4 the Council rejected Smith, and then, by a vote of 6 to 3, confirmed Reardon. Smith was serving his 20th year as commissioner.

Representative editorial comment: Boston Post (Independent-Democratic)—"Why was it necessary to go thru all this hypocritical hocus pocus to land him (Reardon) in office? . . . The whole business reeks with political chicanery of a sort unusual in Massachusetts. Our citizens are getting a liberal education into the wiles of politics these days."

Boston Herald (Republican)—"Disgraceful as the removal itself was, the methods employed were just as bad. . . The Governor is utterly childish if he has the notion that this self-serving action will deceive anybody, even the most gullible. . . The whole episode marks a new low in the administration of affairs of this Commonwealth."

Meanwhile the ousted Smith hinted he might issue a statement later.

Reardon's promotion from a \$3600 a year job as superintendent of schools in the Berkshire county town of Adams to the \$9000 a year commissionership, which carries a five-year term, comes only 12 years after his graduation from Boston College.

He was born July 22, 1900, at Medway, where his parents, William and Mary Reardon, 79 and 78 years old, respectively, still live. The first couple to be married at St. Joseph's church, Medway, they will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary next Sept. 16.

After attending the public schools, young Reardon entered Boston College. He used to get up at 5 A. M. daily so he could milk cows before going to classes.

During the World War he was a member of the U. S. Army.

Graduating from Boston College in 1923, he studied at Boston and Harvard Universities before taking his master's degree. Thereafter he served successively as assistant principal and principal of East Bridgewater High School and superintendent of schools in that town. While teaching there he coached the football team.

It was while in East Bridgewater that he married the former Anita Thorndike, daughter of the late Judge H. C. Thorndike of Brockton.

Last June Reardon became school superintendent at Adams.

A football player while at Boston College, Reardon is a husky, full-faced six-footer. But despite his physique, he is better at indoor than outdoor sports, playing good games of dominoes and checkers but mediocre golf.

At Adams he has lived in a cream colored eight-room house on B street with his wife and their four children, Cynthia, 6, James, Jr., 5, Susan, 3, and Rosemary, 1. The children's pet is a 150-pound great Dane named "Donny."

After taking the oath today, Reardon issued the following statement:

"My interest from now on will be to uphold the high standards which have made Massachusetts conspicuous in the field of educa-

tion. I shall be ready to do everything in my power to further adult education, to maintain, and if possible, improve the standing of state schools, and to do everything possible to secure employment for the young men and women citizens of Massachusetts who are qualified for teaching positions. . .

"Regarding the oath. At the present, the law of the state is that the teachers should take this oath. The Legislature has decided that at present such an oath is necessary. As long as the law made by the General Court exists, there is no question about the duty of any educator who is a law abiding citizen. Those citizens who feel that the oath is not necessary, can have recourse to the constitutional method of changing the law.

"Concerning the necessity of this law at present, that depends on the facts which seemed to justify the General Court in passing this law and the ability as well as the willingness of educational authorities to handle the situation without the aid of special legislation.

"Concerning the observance of the law itself, I can see no objection to any educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the performance of what is a clear duty—an oath similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials in the state."

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its own hands again. It has set Jan. 20 as the date to talk about oil sanctions.

Commissioner Reardon in his first talk with the reporters after his elevation to his high office told them the subversive influences against which the teacher's oath law was enacted could have been corrected without the necessity of the instrument of law. Isn't that lese majeste. Didn't the Governor promote the law?

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Today's Best Editorial

Payson Smith "Ousted"

Failure of the Executive Council of Massachusetts to re-elect Dr. Payson Smith as State Commissioner of Education will give a shock to the educational world. He is held in high esteem by his profession. Last year at the Convocation of the University of the State of New York, in urging more training of teachers in order to give children a better education, he said: "We must keep up the normal schools, not that the teacher may teach but that the child may learn." If he had stopped there, his chances for re-election as commissioner might not have been impaired. But he added that "politicians" are liable to destroy our plans for normal schools, which are the center of the whole school system.

Only a few days ago the address by Dr. Smith was the principal contribution to the celebration in Washington of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of William T. Harris, who was the greatest educational leader of his day—an "intellectual giant," a "lofty soul" and a "friend of mankind." In this address which was read by Commissioner Butterfield of Connecticut, since Dr. Smith was not able to be present in person, there is a reflection of his own

superior qualities and his own lofty idealism as well as practical wisdom. His office has been more than a bureau. It has been a center of light and of power for all the schools of the State. His own aspiration, expressed after calling attention to the achievements of Dr. Harris in seeking to help Americans to rise to purer forms of thought, was:

Would that more of us today might have the necessary powers of mind to ascend with him to the mountain peaks of philosophical thinking, catch glimpses of eternal truths and, inspired by these broader horizons, to go with him straight to the practical application of these envisioned truths.

Governor Curley stated, according to the report, that he had conferred with the Democratic members of the Council before its meeting and found that, with the exception of the Lieutenant Governor, all were opposed to Dr. Smith. This would seem to indicate that "politics" had a determining part in the ousting of this veteran educator who has maintained the tradition of such great New England educators as Horace Mann, Henry Barnard, and William T. Harris. — New York Times.

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**SENATOR CONROY MAKES
RATHER UNIQUE REQUEST**
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leave of absence without pay during the 1936 legislative session, so he may pursue his duties as senator—at \$2000 a year.

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Curley Will Ask Public Hearing On Gardner Petition

BOSTON, Dec. 19—Gov. Curley announced today that he will request a public hearing Monday on the proposed Christmas clemency for Harry A. Gardner of Worcester, now serving a 10-12-year sentence in state prison for arson.

Curley said the protest by "certain church dignitaries of Worcester" against his recommendation for commutation of Gardner's sentence had prompted him to refer the protests to the state committee on pardons.

"My approval of the commutation in this case was based upon the fact that it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penal department and with corrections were unanimous in their approval of the commutation of sentence," Curley said.

"The recommendation in this case was based, so far as I have been able to ascertain, on the fact that the man had served four years, and that it was his first offense, and that unquestionably he was not in his right mind at the time the offense was committed, being under the influence of liquor.

"If a protest is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness, and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all that it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

Councilor Brooks (R), Watertown, said he could find no reason "why I should vote for the recommended commutation of sentence."

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Curley Urges State Setup Of The WPA Be Changed

Calls Attention to Situation in Wakefield Where He Says There are 400 Jobless — Rotch Defends Policies

BOSTON, Dec. 20—Governor Curley said today there should be "an immediate change" in the WPA administration in Massachusetts.

Curley's observation was made in connection with a complaint which he had received from J. Henry Morgan, Wakefield Democrat and supervisor of Federal projects in that town.

Morgan reported that Wakefield WPA workers were in dire financial straits as result of "the absolute collapse of the payroll audit division at the WPA state headquarters."

"The feeble excuse of the Works Progress administrator, Arthur G. Rotch, that payment of wages has been delayed but five days," Curley said, "is disproved by letter received this day and which letter emphasizes the necessity for an immediate change."

In the letter to which Curley referred, Morgan stated that there were 400 jobless in Wakefield, "most of whom have been without money for four weeks."

"WPA activities started in Wakefield on Nov 20th, on which date 300 men were put to work on two sidewalk projects," the letter continued. "After working for over two weeks, these men received on Dec 7th, two days' pay which amount to \$6.50 per man. Since that time, these men have been without their wages. All attempts that have been made which included conversation with Mr. Rotch

and with Mr. Sawyer of the payroll audit division in which I urged these men to do something to alleviate the terrible want induced by the utter collapse of the W. P. A. in Massachusetts have proven abortive.

In addition to the projects referred to above, we have three other projects on which men started work Nov. 20th. The men employed on these three projects have never received a penny in wages. I am aware that your excellency has done everything humanly possible to alleviate the inhuman conditions produced by the absolute breakdown of the relief program in Massachusetts, and for this you have the gratitude of the masses who are depending on the government's bounty for the stipended they received as wages."

Apprised of the Governor's charges, Rotch said that 215 Wakefield workers had been sent checks since Dec. 9, and the rest of those eligible would be paid before Christmas.

"This administration cannot be such an abject failure," Rotch said, "when we have put to work about 120,000 workers, in accordance with President Roosevelt's orders. The change from ERA to WPA is being all cleaned up and everyone will be paid before Christmas."

Rotch said, however, he wished to clear up any misunderstanding that he had meant that no WPA worker had had to wait more than five days for his pay.

"Of course there have been longer delays during the change from ERA to WPA," he said. "But now that routine has been established, we expect to pay everyone within five days."

"There is no regular WPA payday for all projects. Pay days may fall on every day except Sunday. The old order has been changed that an entire payroll is held up because there is some question regarding one man's wages. But the government demands that everything be in order before anyone may receive his pay. Consequently there may be delays in individual instances."

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Will Try To Collect A Civil War Debt From U. S. Gov't.

BOSTON, Dec. 19—Massachusetts moved today to collect from the federal government a Civil war debt purportedly incurred at President Abraham Lincoln's request.

It is claimed that during the Civil war the State spent \$233,885.82 at Lincoln's request to protect its harbors and fortify the coast.

The State Executive committee paved the way for the unusual claim by authorizing Francis R. Mullin, Boston attorney, to seek congressional legislation which would permit him, as agent for Massachusetts, to prosecute its claim.

Mullin reported to Governor James M. Curley, that the State had a sound claim and that he would be glad to take the necessary steps to recover the amount—for 10 per cent of what he finally collects from Uncle Sam.

The action, it appears, is not without precedent. Neither is the fee.

In fact, according to Mullin, Massachusetts tried to cash in on the claim more than 25 years ago during the administration of Governor Eben S. Draper, but was unsuccessful because there was no existing legislation making the recovery possible.

But it was successful in another and larger claim, Mullin said.

For state troops furnished during the Civil war, he said, one Frank W. Hackett collected \$886,389 from the Federal government—at 10 per cent.

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BANQUET GIVEN TO HARRY KANE

The Swiss Room at the Copley Plaza was the scene last night of a testimonial birthday banquet arranged by more than 100 friends and business associates in honor of Harry Kane, one of New England's most aggressive and popular business leaders, president of the Kane Furniture Company, one of America's largest furniture institutions, operating 15 great furniture stores in the New England states.

Many well known business executives were present, including David Lillienthal, Fox Furriers; Arthur Stone, vice-president, First National Bank; Ben Elfman, Ben Elfman & Co.; J. H. Burke, Burke & Co.; Frank Houlihan, president of Mollers, Inc.; Arthur Stern, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., and many others. Among the Kane executives present were Mas Weiss, general manager; Louis Kane, assistant treasurer; M. W. Bliss, president Rhode Island supply division, Kane Co.; Lloyd Bliss, treasurer, Rhode Island supply division of the Kane Co.; M. Swanson, merchandise manager; B. Roberts, manager, Boston store; J. Gold, manager, Waltham store; J. Jurmain, manager, Cambridge store and many others.

One of the highlights of the occasion was the presence of Theodore Glynn, former fire commissioner of the city of Boston, personal representative of Governor James M. Curley, who extended the official greetings of the Commonwealth to Mr. Kane, and glowingly commended him on behalf of the governor on his amazing success in carrying his organization from a single store, a few short years ago, to its present position as one of America's greatest furniture institutions... on providing ever increasing employment and factory activity in New England and on furnishing such a splendid example of courage, leadership and Americanism during his entire business career.

Following Mr. Glynn, Frank Houlihan, toastmaster introduced M. W. Bliss, Arthur Stone, Arthur Stern, Ralph Kahn, Jack Cremmens and other friends and executives of the Kane Company who paid glowing tribute to Mr. Kane's leadership and success.

After the speeches Mr. Houlihan presented Mr. Kane with a great golden key, symbolic of the key to the new office furnished by friends and associates for Mr. Kane as their birthday gift, whereupon Mr. Kane responded in sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the tribute paid him.

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Found: Public Hero Number One

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BILL FOR NEW COURT HOUSE INTRODUCED BY REP. LANE

He Also Files Two Measures Dealing With Commutation Tickets on Railroads— New Auto Insurance Bill Filed

(Special to the Eagle-Tribune)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 19.

—Three bills were filed in the House of Representatives this afternoon by Representative Thomas J. Lane of Lawrence.

The first provides for the issuance of twelve-ride commutation tickets between stations on the Massachusetts railroads. The second provides for the issuance of sixty-ride commutation tickets between stations on the Massachusetts railroads.

The third bill filed by Representative Lane would authorize the County of Essex to borrow a sum of money, not in excess of \$300,000, for the construction of a new court house in the city of Lawrence.

As a co-petitioner with Representative Carl A. Woelke of Methuen, Representative Lane introduced a measure which would authorize the Lawrence Licensing board to determine the number of liquor licenses

to be granted chartered clubs operating in that city. State legislation enacted several months ago limited the number of first-class club licenses but under the new measure the Lawrence Licensing board would have the power to increase the number of these licenses.

The creation of a state division to handle compulsory automobile insurance in Massachusetts, taking it out of the hands of the existing companies, was proposed in another bill filed today.

The bill, filed by Representative Owen Gallagher of Boston, would put the division in the state department of public works as the Massachusetts automobile insurance division.

It would be supervised by three directors, appointed by the governor. They would be authorized to establish a flat rate for the insurance in Massachusetts and the registrar of motor vehicles would collect the premiums.

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CHANGE NEEDED

Public Entitled to Greater Consideration in Matter of Legislators Taking Posts While in Office

Last summer Senator William S. Conroy of Fall River was appointed to the state industrial accident board by Governor Curley, but did not resign from the state Senate. That created a complex situation, due to the fact that the statutes require the members of the board to devote all their business time to its activities. Because the legality of his acts as a member of the board would be open to challenge if he continued to serve on it while also sitting in the Senate, he has asked his colleagues to vote him a leave of absence from his board duties for the duration of the coming legislative session. Mr. Conroy is quoted as informing his associates that he proposes to serve out his term in the Senate, because of his familiarity with the likes and the dislikes and the wants of the good people of his district. If the leave is granted, he would be eligible to return to his board duties after the legislature prorogued.

Senator Conroy's solicitude for the people of his district is probably not necessary, because undoubtedly there are many in the district quite as capable of looking after their interests. It is rather surprising that he did not add that he also wanted to save the taxpayers the expense of a special election. That reason has been advanced before in somewhat similar situations, even though the public did not always accept it at its face value.

The Fall River Senator should be compelled to make a choice between the two positions, but he should not be permitted to hold both of them. Of course, such a requirement should apply likewise to all others desiring to double up on important positions. Also, so many members of the legislature have gained higher and better salaried appointive and elective positions in recent years during their terms that some real thought should be given to the formulation of a policy that would give the public better consideration than it has received in such cases.

When individuals are elected to the legislature, in effect they enter into a contract with the voters of their respective districts to serve them for a term of two years. Many of them, however, consider the contract binding only as long as it is to their advantage. They would refuse indignantly if the voters asked them to resign in favor of somebody else in the middle of their terms. On the other hand, some legislators think it is quite all right to terminate their bargain with the voters at any time during their terms that they can secure elective or appointive positions with higher salaries. Usually they resign from the legislature, thereby necessitating special elections for the choosing of their successors. That extra expense is bad, but it is preferable to permitting legislators to double up on important positions, as in the case of Senator Conroy and others who have gone before him.

A rule preventing members of the legislature from accepting any higher office or position during their terms might be too strict to be practical. However, the situation undoubtedly could be adjusted to the satisfaction and in favor of the public by slight changes in the law. Legis-

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lators could be compelled to resign under such circumstances, and the expense of special elections could be saved by providing for the appointment of their successors for the balance of unexpired terms by the Governor, as is done in the case of a mid-term vacancy in the office of United State Senator. Party interests could be preserved by the requirement that such appointees must be of the same political affiliation as their predecessors.

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SMITH REMOVAL HELD TO BE BLOW TO EDUCATION

**Pres. Neilson of Smith College Calls Failure
of Governor's Council to Confirm Dr.
Smith's Appointment a Calamity**

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (P)—A 36-year-old school superintendent of a small town, James G. Reardon, officially became Massachusetts' new commissioner of education tonight, displacing an incumbent of 19 years.

Reardon, appointed yesterday a few minutes after Governor James M. Curley's reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith was rejected by the executive council, was sworn in today. He had been school superintendent in Adams, and previously, in East Bridgewater.

In a statement, he pledged himself "to uphold the high standards which have made Massachusetts conspicuous in the field of education," but declined to describe any specific program he had in mind.

Asked about his views on the controversial Massachusetts Teachers' oath law, which Dr. Smith opposed, and in which the education department has been embroiled, Reardon said:

"I can see no objection to any

educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the performance of what is a clear duty—an oath similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials in the state."

Today President William A. Neilson of Smith College characterized the council's failure to confirm Dr. Smith's reappointment as "a calamity for the interests of education in Massachusetts."

"It is extremely unfortunate," said Dr. Neilson, "that for reasons which one can only suppose to be political, the Commonwealth should be deprived of services of so great value as those of Dr. Smith."

Reardon was given a tart reminder of the ousting of Dr. Smith after 19 years' service. Governor Curley in administering the oath to the new commissioner, remarked:

"We sometimes kid ourselves that we are indispensable. I repeat there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

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NEW WPA HEAD TO BE NAMED

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FEARS RIOTS IF WPA WAGES AREN'T PAID

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (P)—Delays in payment to WPA workers were described tonight by Governor James M. Curley as being conducive to the "possibility of riots and bloodshed" unless the money was forthcoming by Christmas.

He made the statement in a letter to Hary L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, after a telephone conversation about such situations in Massachusetts with Postmaster General James A. Farley.

The governor referred particularly to the situation in Lowell, where approximately 3,000 WPA workers have reportedly received no pay since Nov. 21.

"What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employes have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails."

Curley attributed the delays to the "official in charge," Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA-ERA administrator, with whom he has been at odds for a fortnight over the conduct of the WPA in Massachusetts.

Rotch said tonight that all money for all payrolls closing five days before Christmas would be in the hands of WPA workers in time for the holiday. The workers are paid every two weeks.

All administrative employes, Rotch added, were working overtime to prepare payrolls before the deadline.

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A LITTLE TOO BOLD

When Governor Curley was inaugurated he stated in his address that the governor's council is an obsolete relic of regal regime. However, there appears to have been a change in his attitude. He has since found that "obsolete" relic a handy cat's paw for his own political conniving.

This week he demonstrated how useful the council can be in carrying out his plans in an attempt to become the Huey Long of Massachusetts. This week he openly defied the decency and endangered the future of the state in one of the most open-faced double crosses of the people that any executive has ever attempted in the history of the country.

Governor Curley cannot expect the public to be so blind as not to see the shady trick he played in replacing Payson Smith as Commissioner of Education of the state. It was so open and easily recognized that he might just as well have told the citizens of the state that they are no longer a part of the government of the state, but must take what Governor Curley gives them—to build up his political machine—and like it.

The governor wobbled for a long time in making the decision regarding the reappointment of Mr. Smith. It was apparent that he did not desire to do so, but rather feared the public reaction. So, he called the council—the "obsolete relic"—into his office, gave them an inkling of what he desired, apparently secured their agreement to refuse to confirm Mr. Smith, and substituted his political choice.

His offering the appointment of Mr. Smith to the council was an empty gesture. He knew at the time the council had already decided a non-confirmation. He substituted the name of Mr. Reardon knowing it would be confirmed. That was the set up. That was the cheap and overt political trick played upon the people of the state.

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Lieutenant Governor Hurley was one of the prominent figures in the double cross worked upon the school children of the state. He demonstrated his either very meager ability or his disrespect for the people of Massachusetts. Mr. Hurley intends to be a candidate for governor, when Curley steps out. The people of the state should remember this scaly trick of Mr. Hurley and send him to political oblivion as soon as possible.

Governor Curley has shown his total disregard for Massachusetts, its people and its children. That action should be remembered by the citizens when the governor appears again for public office.

If Mr. Reardon had the interest of the state and schools at heart, he would resign rather than occupy a position gained through such betrayal of public trust.

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Gov. Curley is busy preparing his annual message to the Legislature, and was not at his office today, and will be absent from it tomorrow for the same reason, and he has cancelled all engagements until the task is completed.

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CIVIL SERVICE AND REWARDS of long and highly successful public service go by the board in the summary removal of Payson Smith from the position of Commissioner of Education in Massachusetts and his replacement by a political appointee.

It is not to be laid at Governor Curley's door, because the Governor reappointed Dr. Smith and the Council refused to approve him. Immediately the Governor appointed James G. Reardon and he was approved.

College presidents, prominent educators call it a calamity. And it is sure to have repercussions of vast political importance in Massachusetts. For Payson Smith is probably the ablest Commissioner of Education in America, the ablest even in Massachusetts since Horace Mann. President Neilson of Smith College says that it is extremely unfortunate that for reasons which one must suppose to be political the Commonwealth is to be deprived of service so great as that of Dr. Smith. "Maine is interested because Dr. Smith was born here, once taught in Auburn and was Maine's State Superintendent of Schools."

Truly the best of politics, is the most tolerant.

Dr. Smith's expulsion was superficial, except under the spoils system which always ends in self-destruction of parties. The old Democratic party in Massachusetts is weakening, we are told and the New Deal is in a sort of messy state. It is currently believed that if Governor Curley, himself, had been as concerned to keep a truly great educator in office, and had been as vigorous about it as he was about the bill-boards of Massachusetts, Dr. Smith would have been retained. But he did reappoint Dr. Smith.

But all over the land the spectacle of the death and destruction of civil service and continuity of office for ablest of men is most evident to the observer.

Even the Boston Post this week makes a satirical and powerful protest over the West Point postmastership case that excites considerable attention.

In that instance a postmistress, Grace A. Harrington, is to be displaced by a political appointee, who does not need the job, from any financial stand-point. Miss Harrington is a war-orphan dependent on this place for her actual living.

It is a tradition of West Point that this office be filled by an offspring of a fallen hero. Miss Harrington's father died under most heroic conditions, along with General Custer in the Little Big Horn massacre. The job pay \$2,700 a year. Out of it Miss Harrington supports two elderly women relatives. "Heartless!" says the Boston Post.

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BRUTALITY ON BEACON HILL

The ousting of Commissioner of Education Payson Smith, former Auburn educator, by Governor Curley in spite of the protests of hundreds of teachers all over the State of Massachusetts, who testified to the high esteem in which Dr. Smith was held, brought forth the following editorial in the Boston Herald:

"The Commonwealth has become so accustomed recently to hang its head in shame at the flagrant disregard on Beacon Hill of wholesome old principles and of upright old practices that it expects additional outrages as a matter of course for another year. Nevertheless, the whole community will be shocked by the heartless ousting of Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education, and the immediate appointment and confirmation of his successor.

"We lose a liberal, high-minded, conscientious, capable gentleman, who has served us admirably for twenty years without any thought of race, religion, partisan politics or anything except the good of the Commonwealth.

"He has had the confidence and respect of every Governor but Mr. Curley. He has made the department of education one of the finest in the country, and a model for our sister States. Practically all the school superintendents in Massachusetts, with the conspicuous exception of the Adams man who replaces him, not only endorsed him but pleaded that he should have another term. Our

own superintendent of schools, Patrick T. Campbell, was foremost in the vain effort to persuade the Governor to go the way of decency.

"The peremptory removal of Commissioner Smith was obviously due to cheap, shoddy politics on the part of the Governor and of a Council majority which he dominates whenever he cares to. No other valid explanation can be offered. In his blind rage at Republicans and at all others who refuse to do his bidding, the Governor is running amuck without concern for the damage which he is inflicting on the Commonwealth.

"And how cowardly his tactics were! Disgraceful as the removal itself was, the methods employed were just as bad. The Governor went in mock seriousness through the empty formality of first presenting the name of Commissioner Smith, well knowing that by rearrangement the Council would refuse to confirm. The Governor is utterly childish if he has the notion that this self-serving action will deceive anybody, even the most gullible. He aggravated his gross offence by his transparent attempt to set up an alibi in advance.

"The whole episode marks a new low in the administration of the affairs of this Commonwealth. One more charge has been added to the long list on which the unpacked jury of the people will vote when they go to the polls next year."

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WPA REVOLT PREDICTED HERE

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**Claims 3000 Here Have Received No
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DEMANDS MONEY BY CHRISTMAS

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plaint to President Through Farley**

(Special to the Courier-Citizen.)
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 19.
—Declaring that the administration of the office of WPA Director Arthur G. Rotch has been an "abject failure," Governor James M. Curley tonight requested Harry Hopkins, federal emergency relief administrator, to take steps to assure the payment of wages to WPA employees to avoid the "possibility of riots and bloodshed."

The governor asserted 3000 Lowell citizens have received no pay since Nov. 21. . . are naturally resentful and their resentment "may find expression in some stronger form than verbal protest."

(Evidence that the governor's complaint was ill-timed was seen in Lowell last night in an announcement that a WPA payroll of \$13,433.60 will be paid today to 602 employees on various projects operating here. This money is for the two-week period ending Dec. 6.

(The WPA workers here, with the exception of a small group, have been without pay for four to five weeks. This is

the first large payment and apparently is not sufficient to take care of all those employed. (Cheques amounting to \$704.02 were mailed out of Boston last night to a small group of WPA workers in Dracut.) Governor Curley addressed the following letter to Administrator Hopkins after a telephone conversation with Postmaster General James A. Farley, who assured the chief executive he would take the matter up with the president and Hopkins:

"There is a possibility of riots and bloodshed unless persons employed under the Works Progress Administration receive their wages prior to Christmas.

"I beg to direct your attention more particularly to the case of men and women—citizens of Lowell—to the number of 3000, who have received no pay since Nov. 21 and are naturally resentful and whose resentment may find expression in some stronger form than verbal protest. What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employees have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails.

"The attempt to excuse a failure to so conduct the activities of this department as to meet obligations of this character upon the ground of the enormity of the task is stupid, for the reason that a sufficient number of competent clerical help is always available. The fault does not lie altogether in the system; rather does it lie directly with the official in charge, whose administration of the office may be summed up in the single phrase—'abject failure.'"

Rotch Promises Money.

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All administrative employees, Rotch added, were working overtime to prepare payrolls before the deadline.

Earlier in the week, Aubrey Williams, first assistant to Hopkins, said in Boston that the same delay in meeting payrolls existed all over the country. He said a new simplified system of payment was being installed whereby entire payrolls would not be delayed because individual items were incorrect.

Williams praised the conduct of Rotch's office.

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City Law Abiding Says Legion Head In Reply to Curley

Criticizes Governor for Statement That Rioting and Bloodshed May Occur Here Because of Delay in WPA Payments.

Defends Lowell Against Attack



FRANCIS P. CORBETT.
Commander of Lowell Post, American Legion.

Francis P. Corbett, commander of Lowell post, 87, the American Legion, today took strong exception to a statement issued last night by Governor James M. Curley, intimating the possibility of "riots and bloodshed" in Lowell because of delay in WPA wage payments. "I think the governor's statement was in very poor taste," Cmdr. Corbett said. "Lowell is a law-abiding community and always has been. In the World War 7000 of our youths served the United States government, some of them laying down their lives. They were willing to give all they had for their country. I believe that the governor need have no fear at this late day that Lowell residents will resort to violence just because things do not run as smoothly as might be expected. I should say Mr. Curley has terribly misjudged the calibre of our citizens."

"Those residents of Lowell who served in the World War know that the government is good for any promises it makes or any obligations it undertakes. They know that they got their pay cheques and

compensation cheques if they were entitled to them.

I am surprised that the governor should make such a statement. He has been in Lowell frequently and he knows many of our people. He ought to know that they are high-grade citizens. He ought to know that the American Legion post in Lowell is the largest in New England and he ought to know that Legionnaires are not given to rioting or violence.

"Lowell has been without its usual quota of street lights in the last two years, yet our police records show comparatively few crimes of violence in that period when there was every inducement to commit them. We are law-abiding here, not a bunch of reds or radicals."

"I sincerely hope that all PWA employees will get all the money that is coming to them before Christmas, but I know, as the governor ought to know, that there will be no rioting or bloodshed if they don't."

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CURLEY SCORES ADMINISTRATOR OF STATE WPA

Says Changes Should Be Made Immediately in Attack On Rotch.

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (UP)—Governor Curley said today there should be "an immediate change" in the WPA administration in Massachusetts.

Curley's observation was made in connection with a complaint which he had received from J. Henry Morgan, Wakefield Democrat and supervisor of federal projects in that town.

Morgan reported that Wakefield WPA workers were in dire financial straits as result of "the absolute collapse of the payroll audit division at the WPA state headquarters."

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A BRUTAL EXHIBITION.

The reward of Payson Smith, for 20 years the faithful and efficient commissioner of public education, is to be booted out into the street to make way for a Curley appointee. Aside from pontics, there was no occasion for ousting Dr. Smith. His administration has been exceedingly able, completely free from partisanship, always enlightened and progressive. He had the overwhelming endorsement of all the educators now engaged in active work in Massachusetts. Yet, at the behest of the governor, he must step down and out, while a new man, wholly inexperienced in the work, takes over the job. That this was only too clearly foreshadowed makes no difference. It can only add to the flaming discontent aroused by the ruthless conduct of Governor Curley. The one word that seems to us best to describe this situation is "outrageous."

The aspect of the case is not made better by the ironical action of the governor in first submitting the renomination of Dr. Smith, apparently well aware that the Council would refuse to confirm it and give him the chance to name a man of his own preference. Nobody is going to believe that the governor hoped, expected and intended that the Council confirm Dr. Smith. In the circumstances it will be futile for the governor to protest that at least he made an attempt to retain the old commissioner, but that the Council overruled him. The thing was done in a characteristically distasteful way—and the public of Massachusetts may go hang! Governor Curley has done many high-handed things in the year of his occupancy of the chief magistracy, to which the public, in a fit of childish peevishness and blind pique, exalted him, but never a more high-handed thing than this. Either his assumption is that he has a mandate to do such things and get away with them, or he has figured that he has already so grossly overplayed his hand that it remains only to go the limit while he has the chance. Our guess is that the latter is the more reasonable assumption, for the governor must by this time realize that as a public favorite with the commonwealth he is "all through."

But that gets us nothing. There remains more than a year in which this governor must be suffered. We deserve it—for our sins. Nothing today is sacred against politics—playing—not even public education, not even the courts. A year ago the public delivered itself bound hand and foot to Governor Curley and must take what he chooses to give it. Experience continues to keep a dear school, but voters will learn in no other.

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Westford Apples for the Governor

A group of Westford residents were received by Gov. James M. Curley in the executive offices at the state house this noon. In the course of the audience, the visitors presented the chief executive some apples, the finest grown in the neighboring town, and formally invited the governor to attend Westford's second annual apple blossom festival next spring.

Those in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perrins, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prescott and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chandler. They were introduced by Senator William F. McCarty and Rep. John H. Valentine.

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Napoleon.

Governor Curley, affecting to be scandalized by the administration of Mayor Mansfield of Boston, demands that the latter resign. It would be a fitting response for the mayor of Boston to demand that the governor do the like. Hardly a day goes by without some act which indicates the governor to be wholly indifferent to the wishes of the public which elected him—and the end is not yet. Mayor Mansfield will hardly resign at the governor's command, and (worse luck) neither would the governor retire. It remains for the voters of the commonwealth, when the time arrives, to write a convincing finish to the Curley career—but he can always go back to being mayor of Boston and to showing how much more economical and more reputable his brand of administration is than that of Mayor Mansfield!

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ing candidate?

To think that the Governor of the old Bay State, the old rebel Massachusetts, will get so excited over pauper pay due from Washington to Massachusetts paupers. Curley talks about "the possibility of riots and bloodshed." Then, Governor Curley, why don't you right off get busy calling on President Roosevelt to send the army into Massachusetts, along with the checks, or the delay in the checks, to prevent riots and bloodshed?

If you are in so contemptible a position as Governor of Massachusetts that you want that nasty pap from Washington, surely you ought to call on Washington to come along and deliver the pap its own way, but bring soldiers along to prevent the bloodshed.

Governor of Massachusetts! Recall those words of the Senator of Massachusetts some hundred years ago, who said when there was criticism of his State, Massachusetts, there she is, she can answer for herself. Or something to that effect. Now, it would be, not that Massachusetts of Daniel Webster, but the Massachusetts of a hundred years later, turning the thing around. Senator from Massachusetts? point to Curley; and let Curley answer for himself, what it takes to make a fit Senator from Massachusetts.

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STATE HOUSE NEWS IN BRIEF

Bill Is Filed to Permit Sunday Hunting and Fishing.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Sunday hunting and fishing would be permitted in this state, as it is in many other states, and Massachusetts sportsmen would not have to go out of the state and get hunting and fishing licenses to enjoy the sport elsewhere, if a bill filed yesterday by Senator Charles A. P. McAree, of Haverhill, is enacted into law. The Haverhill Senator declares that thousands of Massachusetts sportsmen take out the licenses in neighboring states, that they may enjoy the sport which he seeks to provide for them under his bill, and he is prepared to put up a fight for it at the coming session of the Legislature.

A bill was filed with the House yesterday by Senator Walter L. Considine, of New Bedford, in which he petitions to place a limit of 60 days for the reporting of decisions by the District Court justices, and under it, the associate and special justices would be compelled to make their reports in 30 days after the completion of the trial, and Superior Court justices would be allowed a 120-day limit.

Gov. Curley conferred with Eugene C. Hultman, chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, yesterday relative to the former's plan to put men to work on the \$700,000 highway project over the summit of the Blue Hills. The Governor let it be known that he was opposed to Federal co-operation on the project and preferred to have the Metropolitan District Commission carry the whole expense. The plans are yet only in the preliminary stage.

When it makes public its report next week, the special commission on public welfare will recommend the distribution of mother's relief to any of kin who can provide a good home for a child. If the Legislature accepts the suggestion and adopts the recommendations, Massachusetts will be the first state to be brought into line with Federal legislation on mothers' relief. In addition the report will recommend a monthly payment of \$50 for old age assistance, as there is no mini-

mum at present. The commission will not recommend state control of welfare distribution.

Rep. Thomas J. Lane, of Lawrence, seeks in a bill he filed with the Legislature yesterday for the issuance of 12 and 60-ride commutation tickets for passengers on railroads of the state. He also wants the Legislature to authorize the county commissioners of Essex county to borrow \$300,000 for a new courthouse in Lawrence.

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We've Been Told

A banquet for Alderman Louis I. Yessin will be run for him Dec. 29.

Superintendent Frank Doucette is handling an unusually heavy load of Christmas mail at the local post-office.

This week marked the end of seven years of service on the school committee by Edward J. Bushell.

The Curley-Mansfield episode reminds one of a comic opera, particularly where they hurl demands of resignation upon each other.

For the \$1200 fire damage done at the Daniels school, City Controller Galvin has received checks on 113 insurance policies to make up the sum.

Precinct 3, Ward 1, was the only precinct to make a perfect count for alderman and council, for there were no corrections from its original figures in the recount.

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sented by the takings or right-of-way shall be handled by a group which will be composed of a personnel experienced in such matters. The present subdivision handling this work has rendered good service, but our engineering organization is in need of many of those engineers who have up to the present time been engaged on the right-of-way work.

"This new group has been selected with care and all are experienced in this type of work and are employed in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service law and in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Department of Civil Service has established."

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**Daniel Lucey
Gets State Post**

(Special to the Press)

State House, Boston, Dec. 19.—Daniel Lucey of Malden was today confirmed as a Public Administrator of Middlesex county, succeeding Nicholas A. Loumos.

His nomination by Governor James M. Curley was confirmed under a suspension of rules. He will serve for five years.

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**State Job for
Max Rosenblatt**

(Special to the Press)

State House, Boston, Dec. 19.—Patience brought its reward today for Max Rosenblatt, retiring Malden alderman, and staunch Curley supporter in his gubernatorial campaign, when it was announced here that the Malden city official has received one of fifteen state jobs as a "negotiator" at an annual salary of \$2,160.

The announcement was made by Public Works Commissioner William F. Callahan, who said that the fifteen appointees will be employed in the department of public works, division of right of way, and that their jobs will be to negotiate for the state in settlement of land damages. E. N. Briggs is director of this division.

The appointments are provisional and were approved by Civil Service Commissioner Thomas Green.

**STATE PLUM FOR
ALD ROSENBLATT**

Curley Supporters in Last Campaign Among 15 "Negotiators" Appointed in Public Works Dept, To Act in Land Takings and Similar Work.

Ald Max Rosenblatt was among the 15 appointments as "negotiators" for the State dept of Public Works, announced last night by State Com Callahan. The job pays \$2160 per year, gives the appointee a desk at the Dept of Public Works headquarters on Nashua st, Boston, and protects him by Civ-



ALD. MAX ROSENBLATT

il Service. Rosenblatt begins his duties immediately. He has long been waiting for a Curley appointment for he was a member of the speakers' bureau during the campaign, completed every assignment given him, 100 per cent, and paid his own expenses. Tho the recognition of his efforts have been rather delayed, he is now all set.

The job of negotiator has for its duties the investigating of all land takings for contract work like road building or the like, looking up titles and acting as contact man with representatives of or owners of property to be taken.

Com Callahan says: "The many projects which the department has now under way and in preparation for advertising for contract work has necessitated a change in the organization of the department which it is believed will be advantageous in many respects."

"This change provides that the preliminary work for any project as repre-

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NEWS

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mas party.
Dec 21—Junior Christmas party, First Universalist parish house.

The Removal of Dr. Smith

WE HAVE already recorded our opinion of the plot, for such it was, to remove Payson Smith from the office of State Commissioner of Education. Now that the removal has been consummated, we repeat that it is the worst blow ever dealt to the cause of public education in Massachusetts. It is not only that the schools are deprived of the direction of a supremely competent commissioner, one of the half dozen leading educators in the country. It is not only that he is superseded by a young man, whose qualifications are uncertain and whose training for the post is inadequate. It is chiefly because a position that ought to be and always has been non-political is dragged down into the muck and mire of politics and the interests of the school children made subordinate to the machinations of a political group. If there is any reason for Dr Smith's removal other than that he was not afraid to condemn the political philosophy that lies behind the teachers' oath bill, we have not heard it. He was sacrificed it appears because he still believes in freedom and distrusts Fascism under any and all disguises. The Governor shouldered the responsibility of removing him off onto his subservient Council. But the farcical performance will deceive no one. His "reappointment" of Dr Smith and its immediate rejection by the Council is eyewash and nothing else. The fact that the Governor resorted to it, in such conspicuous contrast to his usual political boldness shows how bad he knew the whole affair to be.

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Bacon Looms as Candidate for Senator

May Enter Lists to Op-
pose Gov. Curley—Talks
National Politics

By ARTHUR W. WOODMAN

(Press Staff Correspondent)
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.
Dec. 19—Former Lieutenant-Governor Gaspar G. Bacon today loomed as a possible selection of the Republican party to meet Governor James M. Curley in the 1936 contest for United States Senate.

Wants to See Party Win

Bacon today openly declared that he naturally enough has a "normal desire not to be put on the shelf" adding that "my main object will be to help my party as much as possible and in any way I can." He further asserted "I don't want to be selfish. I want the party to win."

Indication that old line Republicans of Massachusetts look with more than passing favor on the presidential possibilities of Governor Alf Landon of Kansas, hailed as the "Coolidge of the West," became apparent today as Bacon swinging into a discussion of national issues, commented on his recent visit with the Kansas Republican leader.

Talked With Landon

Explaining his visit with Landon in Kansas City, Bacon reported that there were two objects in the trip. One to discuss the national situation, the other to size up the Kansas Chief Executive.

Declaring "I like Governor Landon and I like his philosophy," Bacon who is regarded as one of the old guard of Massachusetts Republicans appears to have turned the political weathervane in the direction of political winds now sweeping New England.

No Formal Commitment

Reverting back to a discussion of his own future, the 1934 Republican convention nominee for Governor taking up the national picture declared "The next six years will be an important period in our national life. It will be a great opportunity for service. Interest in

the national situation is tremendous."

At the same time Mr. Bacon made it plain he was not formally committing himself for the Senatorial candidacy or any other post on the state ticket.

Plans Up In Air

"My plans are in the air. I have no announcement."

He explained that if the convention is to be a free for all he should be considered but if the party is to be united on one man, there will be an altogether different picture.

"But let this be understood" he continued, "I don't want to be selfish. I want to help. I want to do it in a manner that will be most effective. It may be in a personal capacity as a party worker. I want to see Massachusetts redeemed."

Conservatives with Progressives?

Throughout the former Lieutenant Governor's discussion it was most evident that his visit with Alf Landon will have considerable bearing on convention activities of Massachusetts delegates as they ballot on presidential aspirants.

There is no doubt but what the conservative element of the state is moving rapidly into stride with the progressive Republican Leader who has gained unmatched favor in the wheat growing state of Kansas.

PAYSON SMITH "OUSTED."

Failure of the Executive Council of Massachusetts to re-elect Dr. PAYSON SMITH as State Commissioner of Education will give a shock to the educational world. He is held in high esteem by his profession. Last year at the Convocation of the University of the State of New York, in urging more training of teachers in order to give children a better education, he said: "We must keep up the normal schools, not that the teacher may teach but that the child may learn." If he had stopped there, his chances for re-election as commissioner might not have been impaired. But he added that "politicians" are liable to destroy our plans for normal schools, which are the center of the whole school system.

Only a few days ago the address by Dr. SMITH was the principal contribution to the celebration in Washington of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of WILLIAM T. HARRIS, who was the greatest educational leader of his day—an "intellectual giant," a "lofty soul" and a "friend of mankind." In this address which was read by Commissioner BUTTERFIELD of Connecticut, since Dr. SMITH was not able to be present in person, there is a reflection of his own superior qualities and his own lofty idealism as well as practical wisdom. His office has been more than a bureau. It has been a center of light and of power for all the schools of the State. His own aspiration, expressed after calling attention to the achievements of Dr. HARRIS in seeking to help

Americans to rise to purer forms of thought, was:

Would that more of us today might have the necessary powers of mind to ascend with him to the mountain peaks of philosophical thinking, catch glimpses of eternal truths and, inspired by these broader horizons, to go with him straight to the practical application of these envisioned truths.

Governor CURLEY stated, according to the report, that he had conferred with the Democratic members of the Council before its meeting and found that, with the exception of the Lieutenant Governor, all were opposed to Dr. SMITH. This would seem to indicate that "politics" had a determining part in the ousting of this veteran educator who has maintained the tradition of such great New England educators as HORACE MANN, HENRY BARNARD and WILLIAM T. HARRIS.

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J. C. MARSTON

May Boost State Tax

By GENE LORICK

International News Service
Staff Correspondent

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (INS)—Efforts to boost the state income tax revenue and to repeal the controversial Teachers' oath law loomed today as the biggest battles confronting the incoming legislature.

The session appears destined to be as hectic as any in the long history beneath the gilded dome.

Proposals facing the solons on Beacon Hill would place 200,000 new contributors to state tax totals, through the reduction of exemptions and a shift of the tax on manufacturing machinery to inventories on stocks of non-manufacturing concerns.

The jobs of half the representatives and senators will be at stake when the 1936 session opens two weeks hence. Governor James M. Curley announced his annual message will sound a tocsin for a new struggle to slash the legislature in half and to provide for biennial sessions.

Here is a brief resume of the outstanding problems facing the legislature—the "Second Annual Session of the 149th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts"—some of which may be written into the statutes and others snowed under in the battle of ballots either in House or Senate:

Reduce state income tax exemptions for unmarried persons from \$2,000 to \$1,400 and the exemption for husband and wife, from \$2,500 to \$1,900.

Revise compulsory automobile insurance law, with respect to the recent Supreme Court decision which stated it was not necessary to show gross negligence to collect from an automobile owner if injuries are suffered in his car.

Eliminate the executive council, to be recommended in the proposals for legislation in the message of Governor Curley.

Custer of Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield. Sen. Joseph A. Langone, Jr., filed a bill providing for a referendum to be held next March.

Increase the income to the state from horse and dog racing by boosting the "take" from 3½ to 5 per cent on horses and from 3½ to 10 per cent on the whippets.

Abolish capital punishment, a continuation of the long fight of opponents of the electric chair.

Extend the 48 hour work week now in effect in state institutions to county institutions.

Place the state police constabulary under civil service.

Raze the old state's prison at Charlestown, either construct a new institution on the present site or in some other location.

Lower the age limit for state welfare recipients from 70 to 65.

Broaden and clarify statutes prohibiting illegal practice of law.

Liberalize laws pertaining to labor.

Prevent employment by the state of married women whose husbands hold jobs which could amply support both.

A total of 250 bills has been filed to date—202 in the House, sixty less than last year on this date, and 48 in the Senate, the deadline for filing bills is 1 p. m., Jan. 11.

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STATE HOSPITAL WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Many Special Events Planned; Every Patient Will Receive a Gift

Special observances at the Northampton State Hospital, beginning with a high Mass Sunday morning, will mark Christmas week at the Northampton State hospital. Monday evening a play, "School Days," will be given by the patients and employees.

Besides this special musical comedy, which has been coached by Dr. Fernand Longpre of the staff, there will be tap dancing by Miss Edith Walsh and William Paquette, and Louis Gullette, entertainer, from Attleboro.

Every patient in the hospital will receive a gift Christmas Eve, and there will be celebration around the Christmas tree, with the ERA orchestra giving a concert. Thousands of gifts will be received by patients from relatives and friends.

On Christmas day, a turkey dinner will be served, with motion pictures to be shown in the evening. On Thursday an ERA vaudeville unit from Boston will entertain, and on Friday, another moving picture will be shown. The holiday program will close Monday with the patients' New Year dance.

Governor James M. Curley has sent the following Christmas message to the relatives of patients:

As governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a most happy New Year.

I sincerely trust that the program presented this day may bring some measure of joy upon this Christmas day, and that Christmas day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings.

(Signed) James M. Curley.
The superintendent of the hos-

pital, Dr. Arthur N. Ball, sent the following Christmas message to friends and relatives of patients and to the patients and employees:

The staff of this hospital join in extending to you our annual Christmas greetings, with best wishes for a glad New Year.

Just now we are very busy with holiday preparations, each department, from kitchen to post-office, putting forth every effort to make it a joyful season. We are not unlike a small city under one roof, with our personnel of 2300 people. It is only through the loyalty and untiring energy of trusted and faithful employees that we can carry out such a program as follows.

However, the whole secret of Christmas happiness is in making someone else happy, and in giving ourselves along with the gifts we make. Surely, "the gift without the giver is bare." A kindly word of greeting, the confidence of a loyal friend, memories of happy childhood days; some sacrifice for others, the smile of a little babe in its cradle, the beautiful guiding star—these are gifts within the means of everyone, and they are the ones that will make our Christmas lovely, and linger with us through the coming year. The Christmas spirit is a great leveler. It brings us a little nearer to each other, and helps us to find again good will towards our fellow men, and peace on earth.

This is the kind of Christmas we wish for you and for ourselves.

Faithfully yours,
Arthur N. Ball, M. D.

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TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Commissioner of Education Payson Smith leaves his office secure in the knowledge that he has the full-fledged endorsement of hundred of thousands of Massachusetts citizens. The political methods which resulted in the failure of the Governor's Council to reappoint Commissioner Smith are clearly evident to the intelligent voter. We have no means of knowing whether or not such action by the council was prearranged, or not, but it will be most difficult to allay the suspicion of such procedure which has arisen from the appointment of a successor to a man who has given loyal and faithful service for twenty years. This is but one of the many instances which is convincing more and more people that a change in the administration of government in Massachusetts is sorely needed.

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Curley Cites Letter On WPA In Westfield And Criticizes Rotch

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audit division at the WPA state headquarters."

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REARDON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

New Education Commis-
sioner Affirms Support
to Oath Law

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—James G. Reardon, 36, superintendent of schools in Adams, has been sworn in by Governor Curley as Massachusetts' Commissioner of Education.

The young educator, whose nomination was confirmed yesterday by the executive council after that body declined to approve the reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith, took the oath of office in the executive chambers in the presence of relatives and friends.

Asked about his views on the controversial Massachusetts teachers oath law, which Dr. Smith opposed, and in which the education department has been embroiled, Reardon said:

"I can see no objection to any educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the performance of what is a clear duty—an oath similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials in the State."

President William A. Neilson of Smith College characterized the council's failure to confirm Dr. Smith's reappointment as "a calamity for the interests of education in Massachusetts."

"It is extremely unfortunate," said Dr. Neilson, "that for reasons which one can only suppose to be political, the Commonwealth should be deprived of services of so great value as those of Dr. Smith."

Reardon was given a tart reminder of the ousting of Dr. Smith after 19 years' service. Governor Curley in administering the oath to the new commissioner, remarked:

"We sometimes kid ourselves that we are indispensable. I repeat there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

New Education Chief Sworn In



Governor Curley is shown swearing in James G. Reardon of Adams at the State House following his appointment as new commissioner of education, replacing Dr. Payson Smith.

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Church Opposes Pardon For Convicted Incendiary

Curley Answers Protest 'By Men Who Teach Forgiveness'

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Opposition of a Worcester church to a Christmas parole he had recommended for a convicted church incendiary today caused Governor James M. Curley to request a public hearing on his proposal.

The hearing, before the Pardons committee of the Executive Council, will be held Monday morning.

Governor Curley said he was influenced in asking a parole for Henry A. Gardner, 32, of Worcester, who has served four years of a 10 to 12-year sentence, by the fact "it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penal department and with corrections were unanimous in their approval of the commutation of sentence."

"If a protest is justified in this case," said the governor, "by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness, and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all that it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

Curley said Gardner "was not in his right mind" when the offense was committed, being "under the influence of liquor," and that it was his first offense.

The protest, adopted by members of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, which was damaged by fire, read:

"The Pleasant Street Baptist Church protests the plan to commute this man's sentence on the grounds that sufficient time for adequate punishment has not been served as yet . . . and we feel that it is not for the best interests of our community for the prisoner to have his liberty at this time."

One member of the Executive Council, Frank A. Brooks, of Watertown, added his voice to the opposition. "I have examined carefully the folder in the Gardner case," he said, "and can find absolutely no reason whatever why I should vote for the recommended commutation of sentence."

Gardner's pardon was only one of many proposed for the Christmas holidays. State officials yesterday announced more than 200 pardons on paroles were in prospect in the next few days. Many of these, however, are of persons committed as drunks to the State Farm.

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Curley Fears Riots If WPA Pay is Delayed

Rotch Says All Will Get Their Money by Christmas

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The Governor referred particularly to the situation in Lowell, where approximately 3,000 WPA workers have reportedly received no pay since Nov. 21.

"What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employees have not been paid for five

weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails."

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PAYSON SMITH OUT

PROBABLY no educator in the country had attained a greater degree of respect and confidence among the citizens of any state than Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education in Massachusetts. His name was one to conjure with in educational matters not alone in his own state but elsewhere and especially throughout New England. When it was hinted sometime since that he would not be continued in his office the commotion raised in the old commonwealth exceeded anything else during the Curley regime.

Well the axe fell yesterday. Dr. Smith is out. And the Massachusetts voters responsible for the present administration can make the most of it.

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training classes.

Sees Curley Defeat As Senate Candidate

Boston, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Boston Traveler, in a copyrighted story, says Charles M. Hawks, Massachusetts manager of the Townsend Pension Plan Club, predicted Governor James M. Curley would not be nominated for the U. S. Senate. "We have 30,000 Townsend Club members in Massachusetts," the Traveler quotes him as saying, "and we have 10 times that many signers of pledges. That makes 300,000 votes."

Referring to Curley's avowed plan of running for the Senate, the paper quotes Hawks as saying: "Curley won't get by the primaries. Every time he goes on the air and talks for Roosevelt's pauper-pension plan, he talks himself. A year ago we had 45 clubs in Massachusetts and now we have 154 clubs."

"I believe Mr. Roosevelt's new Deal will be repudiated by a tremendous degree in this state."

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former patients who died.



BUST SALE AIDS RED CROSS—This bronze bust of President Roosevelt has been purchased in Boston by Governor James Curley of Massachusetts, the money going to a fund for the benefit of the Italian Red Cross. Miss Louise Carangelo, of the Italian Legion auxiliary, and Miss Perabo-Smith, who served with the Italian Red Cross during World war days, are shown admiring the bust.

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Curley Resumes Battle on Rotch

Governor Stresses Need for Appointing New WPA Bay State Head.

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CHURCH MEMBERS PROTEST AGAINST FREEING FIREBUG

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A public hearing will be held Monday on Gov. Curley's recommendation for a Christmas parole for Gardner, who has served four years.

The Rev. Mr. Preston said a protest against clemency in the form of a resolution adopted by members of the Pleasant street Baptist Church, was one for protection for the community.

Gardner, a Worcester resident, was arrested after he set a fire that destroyed the All Saints Episcopal Church.

Gov. Curley said his approval of the commutation was "based upon the fact that it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penal department and with corrections were unanimous in their approval of the commutation of sentence."

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State House Briefs

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The possible construction of a new highway over the summit of the Blue Hills was discussed by Governor Curley and Chairman Eugene C. Hultman of the Metropolitan District Commission. The project would cost about \$700,000 and Commissioner Hultman is expected to ask that the Legislature make a sufficient appropriation to carry out the work.

As he was leaving the State House for the day Governor Curley announced that he would absent himself from Capitol Hill for the balance of the week-end. All scheduled appointments have been canceled and the Governor will spend the next several days on his message to the 1936 Legislature.

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DR. SMITH MAY HEAD COLLEGE

Invited To Be President of
Springfield Y. M. C. A. Col-
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Dr. Payson Smith yesterday afternoon issued a statement expressing appreciation for the cooperation given during his service as Commissioner of Education. He said:—

"I want to express my deep appreciation to the thousands of school officials, teachers and citizens who have given to me and to the Department of Education their support through the years in which I have been in their service and in that of the children of the Commonwealth, and for the continued confidence that has been shown me in recent months. I want also to speak of the invaluable service that the press of the State has rendered in acquainting the public with the work and activities of the department and in its sincere and wholesome criticism of its policies.

"I have taken great pride and satisfaction in the office of Commissioner of Education, and I have made every effort to discharge its duties in a manner consistent with its high traditions. In that effort I have had at all times the invaluable support of the members of the State Board of Education, of my associates on my staff, and in the institutions associated with the Department of Education."

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CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON SIDEWALKS

Three of Projects Financed
by Curley Bond Issue
Here Under Way

Three State sidewalk construction projects financed by the Curley \$13,000,000 bond issue started in Pittsfield yesterday. By Monday the maximum employment quota totaling 159 men is expected to be reached, according to the Governor's employment manager, William Fahey.

The projects are: Lenox Road, for 1 mile south from Country Club, 37 men; Dalton Avenue, Coltsville Corner to Government Mill, 3-4 mile, 25 men; Berkshire Village Road, 1 mile north from Coltsville Corner, 97 men.

Two other Pittsfield sidewalks are expected to start soon: West Housatonic Street and Richmond Road, employing a total of 109 men. These two projects have not yet been approved.

Besides the Pittsfield sidewalk similar ones, but financed by Federal relief funds, are now under way in other Berkshire towns employing 180 men. These are: Dalton, Lee, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Williams-town, Clarksburg, Lenox and Stockbridge. Another will start at Ashland Street, North Adams, Monday; others at Otis and Lanesboro soon.

Only Stat jobs are filled with workers from the Governor's personal employment bureau. The wages are 50 cents an hour, the working schedule eight hours a day, five days a week. This is well above the wage schedule on WPA jobs. Mr. Fahey said today that assignments are not made on a political basis. A man's party is not allowed to enter in, he said.

The WPA sidewalk labor wage is \$52 a month of 112 hours.

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BILLS FILED IN LEGISLATURE

One Would Provide for
Handling Compulsory
Motor Vehicle Insurance

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—A State fund bill providing for the creation in the State Department of Public Works of a Massachusetts automobile insurance division to handle the compulsory motor vehicle insurance law was filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives yesterday by Rep. Gallagher of Boston. The division would be supervised by three directors to be appointed by the Governor. They would be authorized to establish a flat rate for automobile insurance and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles would be authorized to collect the premiums.

Among the other bills yesterday were two by Rep. Thomas J. Lane of Lawrence. One provides for the issuance of 12-ride commutation tickets between stations on Massachusetts railroads. The second provides for the issuance of 60-ride commutation tickets.

A bill to legalize hunting and fishing in Massachusetts on Sundays was filed by Senator Charles A. P. McAree of Haverhill. In recent years the Legislature has seen fit to modify bit by bit the statutes restricting activities on the Lord's Day. Senator McAree, in filing his bill, said that Massachusetts sportsmen take out licenses in neighboring States in order that they may have the privilege of hunting and fishing on Sunday.

To obviate needless worry and hardship among litigants because of laxity on the part of judges, a bill has been introduced by Senator Walter L. Consigned of New Bedford to fix a time limit of 60 days for reporting decisions by district court justices. There is no time limit at the present time.

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CURLEY MAKES NEW ATTACK ON STATE WPA HEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—Governor James M. Curley continued his criticism of Arthur G. Rotch, State WPA administrator, today by making public a letter which he said "emphasizes the necessity for an immediate change."

The Governor said Rotch's "feeble excuse that payment of wages has been delayed but five days is disproved" by the letter, which was signed J. Henry Morgan of Westfield and which dealt with "the critical condition of WPA workers in Westfield," most of whom Morgan said, "have been without money for four weeks."

The condition, Morgan's letter said, has been created "by the absolute collapse of the payroll audit division at the WPA State headquarters."

The letter said WPA activities in Westfield began Nov. 20 when 300 men were put to work and on Dec. 7, it said, they received two days' pay, amounting to \$6.50 a man. Since then, it declared, "these men have been without their wages." On three other projects begun Nov. 20, he said workers had received no pay.

"All attempts that have been made which included conversation with Mr. Rotch and with Mr. Sawyer of the payroll audit division, in which I urged these men to do something to alleviate the terrible want induced by the utter collapse of the WPA in Massachusetts have proven abortive," the letter said.

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THEY WANT SMITH

If there were those who thought the educational career of Dr. Payson Smith, State commissioner, ended with his cruel ousting by Governor Curley, they were reckoning without their host. Already Springfield College has tendered him the presidency of that institution and he is said to have other offers of importance in different parts of the country—some of them that make his \$9000 Bay State job seem tame.

For 18 years Dr. Smith served the Commonwealth with signal fidelity and with intelligence of an exceptional order. He had become a national figure, one of the three men that stood up during the voting at a national convention in the West when the leaders of American thought and opinion were being rated. He had refused calls to other States. Governor Pinchot wanted him in Pennsylvania. He was sought as the Federal commissioner of education. But he believed his work was here. Now, so far as Massachusetts in that department is concerned, he is done. To adopt an understandable term he has taken it on the chin for no reason at all, and goes down with the debris which Governor Curley is piling.

It is disheartening, the way in which the game of politics is played and the way in which the spoils of war are distributed, though the principle or lack of it, admittedly, is by no means new. The courts and the schools lose their ancient heritage under such an executive. Predecessors exercised some measure of discretion. The fact that the man chosen is concededly competent is beside the question. The crux of the case lies in the fact that a man can be ousted for an offense that consists only in rendering brilliant, capable service—if that be an offense.

That the storm was coming long had been apparent. Dr. Smith was openly threatened with decapitation at the legislative hearing on the

oath bill. Lieutenant Governor Hurley echoed his master's voice when he took Dr. Smith for a ride at a political rally in Boston one recent Saturday night. He clearly indicated that the commissioner was on the way out. Now Curley fixes a deal—and the deed is done.

In his speeches Curley can point to the ashcan saying: "There is where I deposited some of the State's noblest and best." Then he could add in the words of his well known brand of political morality: "Politics is a game. I play it for all it is worth—up to the hilt. The animals have to be fed. You can't have a political organization without the spoils of war. You have to have something to promise the boys, else your machine will go on the rocks."

Not, to be sure, a very exalted conception of public morality or the administration of the trust the voters commit to the hands of their rulers. But characteristically Curley. Do the people enjoy the Order of the Black Flag?

The Boston Herald's leading editorial entitled, "Brutality on Beacon Hill," in which the Governor's cowardly tactics are reprehended, is a challenge to the conscience and the intelligence of the Commonwealth. It is asserted that the Smith incident marks a new low in the administration of affairs in Massachusetts and it is added that, "One more charge has been added to the long list on which the unpacked jury of the people will vote when they go to the polls next year."

Let us hope there will be a State House left by the time they have their turn at the wheel.

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PONY EXPRESS WILL RUSH PAY CHECKS TO WORKERS ON LOCAL WPA PROJECTS

All Employees of Government-Financed Jobs Will Get Money in Their Pockets by Christmas Eve, Is Promise From Boston, Following Governor Curley's Warning of Riot and Bloodshed

Curley's Letter

Coincident with a blast from Governor Curley, charging State WPA Administrator Rotch with "abject failure" in executing the duties of his office and predicting possible riots and bloodshed unless WPA workers receive their wages before Christmas, came assurance today from official sources that all payrolls for this week would be met by Tuesday night, eve of the holiday.

Inauguration of a rapid transit service reminiscent of the "pony express" in getting pay checks over the highways from Boston to the city, by way of Worcester and Springfield was announced by the local WPA office. Bonded men with automobiles have been pressed into service and will be on the road continuously from now until Tuesday night in an effort to speed delivery of the pay checks to the workers, the announcement said.

Local offices as well as offices in Worcester, Springfield, and Boston, have been working night and day in an effort to keep the pay checks moving and placed in the hands of the workers as rapidly as possible. Rather than compete with the Christmas rush in the mails, officials decided to use men and cars for transportation and are confident the system will get the results desired.

Governor Curley's attack on Administrator Rotch which was based on the charge that WPA workers have not been receiving their pay on time was in the form of a letter to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator. It followed a conversation by telephone last night between the Governor and Postmaster General James A. Farley.

Governor Curley's letter follows: "There is a possibility of riots and bloodshed unless persons employed under the Works Progress Administration receive their wages prior to Christmas. I beg to direct your attention more particularly to the case of women and men—citizens of Lowell—to the number of 3000 who have received no pay since Nov. 21 and are naturally resentful and whose resentment may find expression in some stronger form than verbal protest. What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where employees have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the State the same condition prevails.

"The attempt to excuse failure to so conduct the activities of this department as to meeting obligations of this character upon the ground of the enormity of the task is stupid for the reason that a sufficient number of competent clerical help is always available. The fault does not lie altogether in the system, rather does it lie directly with the official in charge, whose administration of the office may be summed up in the single phrase 'abject failure'."

Work Overtime

Administrator Arthur G. Rotch said last night that all money for all payrolls closing five days before Christmas would be in the hands of WPA workers in time for the holidays. All administrative employees, Rotch added, were working overtime to prepare payrolls before the deadline.

Earlier in the week, Aubrey Williams, first assistant to Hopkins, said at Boston that the same delay in meeting payrolls existed all over the country. He said a new simplified system of payment was being installed whereby entire payrolls would not be delayed because individual items were incorrect.

Williams praised the conduct of Rotch's office.

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HEARING MONDAY ON PARDON CASE OF PYROMANIAC

BOSTON, Dec. 20. — Governor Curley's proposal to commute the sentence of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, who burned down All Saints Episcopal Church and damaged the Pleasant St. Baptist Church in Worcester January, 1932, so that he would be eligible for immediate parole, has stirred up such a hornet's nest of protest that the Governor has decided to give a hearing on this matter before the pardons committee of the Executive Council on Monday morning. Gardner was sentenced to 10 to 12 years in State prison on five counts of incendiaryism. Governor Curley proposes to lessen his sentence from one of from 4 to 12 years. The Governor, in defense, said his action was based on the unanimous recommendation of every official connected with the Penal Department and with corrections.

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Seek New Highway Over Blue Hills

A proposed new highway, costing \$700,000 over the summit of the Blue Hills, was discussed by the Governor and Chairman Hultman of the Metropolitan District Commission in a State House conference yesterday.

That the proposed highway is only in its preliminary stages was announced by Gov. Curley. It is suggested to have the highway built with M. D. C. funds rather than apply for federal aid.

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KENDRICK DUE FOR STATE POST

OTHER LOCAL MEN MAY BE AFFECTED

REARDON, STATE EDUCATION HEAD, LAUDS COMMITTEEMAN

**Speaks at Kendrick Testimonial Banquet—Coates,
Lusk, and Callahan, Now in Department, Were
Appointed by Former Administration**

The appointment of James G. Reardon of Medway as state commissioner of education, replacing Dr. Payson Smith, who headed the department since 1919, is expected to have a great effect on the future of one Milton and three Quincy men.

Believed Assured

In view of the fact that Reardon last night attended the testimonial banquet in Montclair to School Committeeman Joseph J. Kendrick, lauding the local man, it is generally believed throughout political circles in Quincy today that Kendrick is almost assured one of the important posts in the department. It is said that Kendrick would like to be appointed an assistant supervisor of the division of physical education.

At the State House today it was believed that the appointment of Reardon will result in a general house cleaning of the large number of present supervisors and assistants, two of whom live in Quincy and one in Milton.

Frederick Ames Coates of 15 Neponset road, Merrymount, and John I. Lusk of 653 Washington street, Quincy Point, are as-

sistant supervisors in the division of vocational training, and Edward D. Callahan of Milton is an assistant supervisor in education. Their salaries range from \$2760 to \$3300 per year and they hold office only at the pleasure of the commissioner.

Personal Friend

Presumably all are Republicans as Dr. Smith has always been appointed as a Republican by governors of that party. At the expiration of each of his five-year terms, a Republican governor has been in office and has reappointed Smith, who no doubt made most of his appointments from the G. O. P. ranks.

Kendrick, who is a close personal friend of the new commissioner, was a star football player at Fordham college and for the past three years has been a member of the Quincy school committee. At the last state election he was a Demo-

cratic candidate for representative in the Fourth Norfolk District.

Coates is well known in Quincy, having been a candidate for the city council in Ward One on two occasions. He is also a fiction writer of considerable repute.

KENDRICK IS PAID HONOR

**Hailed at Montclair
As Mayor Of
Quincy**

School Committeeman Joseph J. Kendrick was hailed as the mayor of Quincy in 1939 at a testimonial banquet in his honor last night in the Montclair Community building.

Suggestion Applauded

The suggestion was put forth by Timothy Reardon of Montclair, a neighbor of Kendricks, and called forth wild applause.

"We are honoring Mr. Kendrick tonight on his re-election to the school committee," said Reardon. "Three years from now we all hope that we will be honoring him on his election as mayor of the city."

James G. Reardon, the new State commissioner of education who was sworn in by Gov. James M. Curley yesterday to supercede Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner since 1919, was one of the 200 guests at the dinner. His appearance was unexpected and he was warmly received.

He spoke only briefly, saying, "The City of Quincy is to be congratulated on having elected to office men of the type of Mr. Kendrick."

The commissioner failed to make any mention of his plans for the conduct of his new \$9000 office.

Referring to the commissioner in his address later, Kendrick said, "The people and the teachers of Massachusetts need have no fears about the conduct of the department of education while Mr. Rear-

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Named In State Rumors



FREDERICK A. COATES



JOSEPH J. KENDRICK

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Mention Kendrick As Mayoral Timber

Mayor and New State Commissioner of Education
Join Many Others in Showering Praise on
Montclair School Committeeman at Testi-
monial Banquet.

Joseph J. Kendrick was doubly honored last evening by having his friends and neighbors tender him a testimonial and James G. Reardon, new State Commissioner of Education, make his initial visit to Quincy to this affair, in Community hall, Montclair.

In one of his first public appearances since given the oath of office by Governor James M. Curley, the new young commissioner declared that Quincy should be proud of Kendrick. After brief congratulatory remarks he was obliged to leave to fill other engagements for the evenings.

Several hundred well wishers including the mayor of Quincy, members of the official family, his parish priest and civic leaders gathered around and attested by their presence to the popularity and esteem in which "Joe" Kendrick is held. Sharing the honors were Mrs. Kendrick in black velvet, and Joe, Jr.

The hall was decorated with Christmas garlands and lighted wreaths, twin Christmas trees with clear blue lights and silver. White candles glowed on the tables.

Thomas Noonan, a neighbor, was chairman and presented Rev. Edward Murphy of the Sacred Heart church, who invoked blessing. Community singing was held.

Guests

At the guest table were Arthur Bishop, the Quincy Parents Teachers Association, John McMorrow, Boston attorney and boyhood chum, John Taylor and Mrs. Esther V. Purcell, co-workers on the school board, Mr. and Mrs. Downey of Boston, the former being principle of High School of Commerce, Rev. Edward Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Fitzgerald, the former an executive in the New England Telephone company, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Reardon, Mr. P. M. Kendrick, father of the guest of honor.

The first speaker presented was school committeeman John Taylor. He lauded Joe's ability "to take it" and that he is always ready to "remit to the taxpayer."

One of the finest tributes of the evening was paid to Kendrick by his parish priest, Fr. Murphy, who proffered also the felicitation of the pastor, Rev. John J. Casey and Rev. Frederick Mulrey.

"Rarely is there an occasion, when we can tell people while they live what we feel about them."

A man of sterling qualities and personal traits is serving you, is over your children, unselfish and willing to spend and be spent. Generous hearted and public spirited, I trust the Lord allows him to persevere and use the talents with which he was blessed." The priest paid commendation to Mrs. Kendrick, the wife and mother.

McMorrow Talks

John McMorrow, well known Boston attorney and friend of Kendrick added his special tribute. "He is honest, has ability and a wealth of initiative. He may perhaps make errors but they are errors of judgment and not of principle and who among us would not go to bat for a chap like that?" God grant that you will have no flare-up similar to that which is going on in Boston just at present, but with men like Kendrick on your board out here there is not the slightest danger that there could be any "monkey-business" as is intimated is prevalent in the Hub. Joe always has and always will be a defender." He presented Mrs. Kendrick with a bouquet of American beauties. "Teddie" Reardon, a member of the committee in behalf of those present presented school committeeman Kendrick with an old-gold wrist watch.

Amid cheers modest Joe stood and admitted he was at a loss for speech.

Kendrick

He thanked all who had come and those who were not able to gain entrance due to large gathering. "I can call everyone in this hall by name and to me that stands for a real testimonial. In public life I never whimper. If anyone says or thinks anything about me one week and the next wishes my help the Kendrick home is always open. He thanked the group for the watch. He introduced his father, Mr. P. M. Kendrick of So. Boston. At this time he also asked Mrs. Helen Noonan and Mrs. Helen McDonald both of whom made possible the beautiful decorations to rise for a bow. Spotting Joe O'Brien, the mayor's secretary he said, "You are a good secretary but you would not be there if I did not O.K. your leave of absence. I think they refer to you as head councillor don't they, Joe, over there?"

He asked "Jack" Donohue of the North Quincy faculty to rise for presentation. He took occasion to mention that "Jim" Reardon, the new commissioner, and Jack and himself were old friends and that although he was cognizant of the fact that the Quincy Teachers Association endorsed Payson Smith for reappointment, he knew that the children's education of the state would be in exceptionally fine hands. He introduced Roy Means as a



JOSEPH J. KENDRICK

co-worker in his district who would take some of the burden from his shoulders.

Calls On Roy

Kendrick then called on Mr. Robert Roy, who served on the board for 16 years and the latter said "Joe Kendrick, to my mind, is a clear thinker and I hope he will continue long in the service of the city of Quincy."

Others called on for bows were, Mrs. Purcell, Councillors Lawrence Curtin, Daniel Dennehy, Edward Sandberg, Neil McDonald, Leo E. Mullin, Myron Lane, Avery Gilkerson, William Jenness, John Hall'sey, Louis George, and Leo J. Halloran.

Concluding, Joe thanked the committee and the people and said, "I expected Rev. Fr. Gallagher, president of Boston College out here tonight. He used to be head of athletics when I went there and he used to say 'carry on.' I am going to try my best to be the kind of fellow Fr. Murphy says I am, and as Fr. Gallagher says, 'angels could do no more than that.'"

The mayor was asked for remarks. He addressed them informally to Joe and said he regretted that owing to a previously accepted invitation to attend the Granite Mfg. supper he could not partake of Joe's banquet. "I like Joe, he is a square shooter, always interested in the development of young people and he is a credit to the city. There is only one man who I know is more popular, Santa Claus."

"Last Fourth of July," he said "Come down and see the kiddies," and I went. If you could see those children looking at Joe Kendrick as he dished out ice cream you would say 'There is a man who is allright.' Another thought I want to leave with you is his participation in sports. In that especial field there is always the opportunity to recognize fair play and good sportsmanship and Joe has won the confidence of the players when he acts as referee. He is going places and I know he will be as successful in the future as he has been in the past."

The floor was cleared for dancing.

Mentioned for Mayor

Frank H. Fay, national director of Emergency Relief Council arrived during the dancing and the music was stopped so he could say a few remarks. Felicitating Joe from a different angle he said "When I am in Washington and want someone to represent me whether it is a Labor Union or the Jessie Wilson Syre League, I telegraph Joe and know the 'job is done,' and I have received commendation both orally and written about the way he presents facts. That is a tribute. 'About this time several speakers intimated in remarks that Joe would make suitable timber for a mayoralty candidate in the future."

Supt. James N. Muir and Mrs. Muir made an appearance. The former stated it was gratifying to see many friends and neighbors present paying honor to Joe. "If I had one of these parties up on the Hill I couldn't coral a corporal's squad. I admire a man who puts forth an idea and there is no record of any case against my being unwilling to listen to anyone's ideas."

I just came from entertaining a group of blind people and have arranged to go back there this same night next year so don't plan your next testimonial to Joe on that night, if you want me to eat at the table. "He paid honor to the entire Kendrick family and wished the Yuletide greetings to the entire assemblage, saying "Nobody will take advantage of the school children in Quincy while I am superintendent and can prevent it."

Others who were present were Otto C. Walter, grand knight of North Quincy council and Chief Ranger Edward J. Gaffey of St. Kevin's court, M. C. O. F., and Eddie "Smiler" Carson was a late arrival.

Responsible for the success of the very successful "get-together" party to the popular member of the school committee were Thomas Noonan, Timothy Reardon, Timothy O'Meara, Mrs. Helen Noonan and Mrs. Helen McDonald.

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BUDGET

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Gov. Curley Making Study of "El" Bill

Mayor O'Brien in Statement Gives Reason for Delay—Urges Citizens to Wait Longer Before Bringing Pressure

Gov. Curley and the Councillors have asked for more time to study the situation of the Boston Elevated purchasing the Chelsea division of the Eastern Mass. Street Railway, according to a statement released Wednesday by Mayor James M. O'Brien. The Mayor states the information he received was the result of an inquiry on the delay in the Public Utilities Commission making its decision.

Mayor O'Brien's statement is as follows:

"In reference to the consolidation of the Eastern Mass. Street Railway Co., I beg to make the following statement, so as to inform you, the citizens of Revere, as to just what has happened; and what you might expect in the near future in regard to your wishes in this matter.

"On Wednesday, Nov. 13, we appeared before the Department of Public Utilities, and there presented our case, which according to the Acts of 1932, under which we are operating in the so-called consolidation, was the last step that we had to take in order to bring about this consolidation. After the hearing was concluded, the commission of the Department of Public Utilities took it under advisement, and we have been expecting them to make a decision momentarily. Upon inquiry as to the delay in making their decision, we find that the Governor and his Councillors have asked for further time to study the matter.

"I feel sure that these public officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will do nothing to interfere with the struggle of our people for better transportation, lasting over a quarter of a century. For this reason it is only right and proper that we give them a reasonable time in which to make known their decision.

All I can ask you to do is to be patient, and rest assured that, if necessary, we are ready and in a position to further press the consolidation, which we know will be of tremendous benefit to our city

"JAMES M. O'BRIEN, Mayor."

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UNDER THE State House Dome

By The Bell Boy

With the "bye" elections" out of the way and Christmas spirit in the air, the politicians have all realized for a moment but it's just the beginning, boys, just the beginning. For the relaxation is only to stretch out their muscles in preparation for the actual warfare which will begin right after New Year's and then the preliminary skirmishes will be shoved aside, some of the polite terms will be forgotten and Massachusetts will be plunged, rather early this time, into the midst of a political battle such as has not been seen in many a year.

For there's a distinctly different atmosphere this time. Seems as though every prominent Republican one mentions is inclined to believe he could be elected Governor and don't know but what each of them is correct. There are so many announced and avowed candidates now

that one steps on them in corridors and then there are lurking in the background, but not too far back, so many tentative candidates with their lightning rods carefully set that one begins to wonder just what will happen if each man votes for himself, looks like a draw from here.

Joe Warner, Leverett Saltonstall, John Haigis, Henry Parkman, Alvin Fuller, oh, one could go on endlessly and they are all good men and true and whoever is nominated the party is certain of a standard bearer capable of waging the hot kind of a fight. The spirit of supreme confidence pervades everywhere in direct contrast with the spirit of "well, we are licked" that spread around little more than a year ago. It augurs well for a change in administration up on Beacon Hill and for a Republican Senator in Washington.

Of course, the Republican candidate against Senator Curley will be hampered in one respect, for the G. O. P. nominee will have no gardener to detect dictaphones and there can hardly be a jewel robbery, for everyone knows that Republicans haven't as many jewels lying around these days as in former years. But there exists a belief that the voters will decide this next election on the merits of the candidates and not be swayed by wildly partisan, vicious radio attacks such as undeniably exerted tremendous influence in the last campaign.

Oh, they will be there all right, those same attacks but the public is pretty well fed up by now on that sort of thing and ridicule has replaced bland wonderment and gullibility and when ridicule forces its way in then the politician subjected to its blast is lost.

Hereabouts State politics are occupying most of the attention and thought of leaders, national politics will come later. But just now the one ambition and hope of the Republicans is to win Massachusetts back to the paths and ways of its early leaders and statesmen. In doing that, the locals will have just about done their share also in placing the nation itself back on that footing.

Nobody knows where tuberculosis will strike next. Pennies you spend for Christmas Seals today will help protect everyone and may save your life tomorrow.

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Mark What Von Says

Just a thought from me to you— A Merry Christmas!

The depression has brought out the best in good men and weaknesses of others. The industrious man has become more industrious and the lazy man more lazy.

These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven, are an abomination unto him; a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies and he that soweth discord among brethren.—Proverbs 6:16.

It appears that the Federal government is having a hard time to find jobs for the unemployed. Millions of dollars is at the government's command, but the rush to secure projects to keep the unemployed busy is a problem that is wrecking the "brains" of even the so-called "Brain Trusters." Much time and money is wasted in what may be called nonsensical projects.

The excavation of rocks and boulders from a cemetery to make it possible to dig graves to bury the dead, which has been going on now for nearly a year in a town not very distant from this city, is a project that is causing much unfavorable comment in that community. It may be a good policy to dig rocks from the cemetery, but why dig a long trench on the border of the cemetery and there plant those rocks. Why not send them to a stone crusher or use them for foundations for buildings? A well known citizen in commenting on this project stated recently that he hoped that the boys on this project would get out of the trenches before Christmas. The WPA foreman on the job, when quizzed about the work, said: "We've got to give these men work and this is the only job at which we can keep them steadily employed."

His Excellency "Gov. Jim" has a great knack for coining phrases. "Work and wages" was not his first attempt and his latest, "social security," may not be the last to "hoodwink" the people of our Commonwealth. Strange how the people will fall for this "bunk." But I am beginning to believe that Barnum was right when he said "the people love to be humbugged."

Met a friend this morning who said he dearly loved to read this column. I am glad that somebody appreciates my efforts. It is comments and criticisms that I like to hear. Perhaps, you, as a reader of this newspaper, would like to send in some suggestions that will help towards making our city, state and nation a better place in which to live.

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Gazette
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REP. HENNIGAN SEEKS CITY BUILDING HERE

Asks City To Borrow \$200,000 to
Erect Municipal Building in
Ward 10

A bill authorizing the City of Boston to borrow \$200,000 to construct a municipal building in Ward 10 was filed in the State House of Representatives this week by Representative James Hennigan of this district.

There has been agitation for a municipal building in this section for many years and while there is no disputing the need of such a structure it is very doubtful if the Legislature will give its approval at the present time.

The bill provides that the money be raised outside the debt limit of the City and there is much opposition by taxpayers' organizations and others against any further authorization to city to borrow money in this way.

The Legislature will reconvene on Wednesday, January 1, and it is expected that usual large number of demands for new legislation will be made. Already the number of bills for consideration are growing daily.

It has been estimated that if every request made on the Legislature was granted, almost every city and town in the Commonwealth would go bankrupt.

With citizens crying against increased taxes or proposals for new taxes, it is expected that legislators will heed their demands and keep expenditures down.

The Governor has indicated that he will endeavor to secure economies this year but he has several bond issues in mind and they will be bitterly fought.

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CURLEY PROTESTS WPA PAYROLL DELAY

Bay State Governor Tells
Hopkins "Riots and Blood-
shed" May Follow.

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—Delays in payment to WPA workers were described tonight by Gov. James M. Curley as being conducive to the "possibility of riots and bloodshed" unless the money was forthcoming by Christmas.

He made the statement in a letter to Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, after a telephone conversation about such situations in Massachusetts with Postmaster General James A. Farley.

The governor referred particularly to the situation in Lowell, where approximately 3000 WPA workers have reportedly received no pay since November 21.

"What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employees have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails."

Curley attributed the delays to the "official in charge," Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA-ERA administrator, with whom he has been at odds for a fortnight over the conduct of the WPA in Massachusetts.

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REARDON BECOMES EDUCATION HEAD

Replaces Dr. Smith As Commissioner in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—A 33-year-old school superintendent of a small town, James G. Reardon, officially became Massachusetts' new commissioner of education tonight, displacing an incumbent of 19 years.

Reardon, appointed yesterday a few minutes after Gov. James M. Curley's reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith was rejected by the executive council, was sworn in today. He had been school superintendent in Adams, and previously, in East Bridgewater.

In a statement, he pledged himself "to hold the high standards which have made Massachusetts conspicuous in the field of education," but declined to describe any specific program he had in mind.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Four emergency finance board projects calling for the expenditure of \$1,769,000 were signed yesterday by Gov. Curley. The projects are additions and alterations to the Middlesex County hospital in Lexington and Waltham, \$725,000; new High school in Andover, \$539,000; nurses' home at Norfolk hospital, \$100,000; and High school at Swampscott, \$405,000.

Forrest K. Wells, blind musician recently convicted of murdering Miss Helen Martin by throwing her out of a South End, Boston, hotel window and sentenced to life imprisonment, was transferred yesterday from state prison to the penal colony at Norfolk.

Abraham Ehrlich, 28, single, of 592 Main street, Brockton, a salesman, was arrested last night on a serious charge involving a 15-year-old North End girl who was also arrested on a charge of delinquency and was released in custody of her parents. Ehrlich will appear in district court today. The arresting officers said that Ehrlich and another man, who was questioned and then released, picked up two 15-year-old girls Monday and held them for two days in an apartment. The second girl, who was released after questioning, told her aunt what she said happened and her aunt sent her to the police.

After writing "Dot, dear, I love you" in the dust on the windshield of his coupe, Melvin Berger, 29, a salesman of 37 Dehon street, Revere, sat in his car last night until he was asphyxiated by carbon monoxide. Attempts to revive him were futile. The medical examiner was notified.

Former United States Rep. Donald F. Snow of Bangor, committed to state prison in April for two to four years for embezzlement, was pardoned by Gov. Louis J. Brann and the executive council at Augusta, Me., yesterday. Snow, now nearly 60 years old, was convicted of embezzling funds in connection with an estate. Since his confinement he has worked in the prison office and farm. His father-in-law, William Pennell of Portland, and his long-time friend, former United States Representative John E. Nelson of Augusta, spoke in Snow's behalf at the hearing on his pardon petition two weeks ago. They said Snow had been sufficiently punished and was the type of man who would carry his disgrace to the grave. They pointed out further confinement might seriously impair his health.

After spending 14 months in jail without getting anywhere, Arthur J. Lessard of Providence, R. I., yesterday, changed his status, but not his address. Hereafter he will get \$1 a day for occupying his cell. Previously he was held pending trial on charge of stealing wool from the American Woolen company. Yesterday he was released on his own recognizance, but was immediately recommitted in default of \$12,000 bail as a material witness.

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Education Dept. Head Takes Over Office of Smith

Governor Assures Commissioner Reardon "No Public Officer Is Indispensable"; Women Resentful

Boston, Dec. 20—Promising rigid enforcement of the new teachers' oath act, James G. Reardon assumed his new duties as state commissioner of education yesterday morning after he had taken the oath of office before Gov. Curley.

For the present, he indicated, there will be no important changes in the policies of the department as conducted under the direction of his predecessor, Dr. Payson Smith of Brookline, who was ousted after 20 years of service as head of the department.

Dr. Smith retired from the scene shortly before noon with the issuance of a formal statement expressing his appreciation to those who have helped him to make his administration successful. No words of bitterness were included in his statement.

After administering the oath of office to Commissioner Reardon, Gov. Curley thrice assured him that the service of no public officer are indispensable and that "if we all were to drop dead tomorrow other men and women would take our places who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the education department as well as any other place. The education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours."

Still resenting the manner in which Dr. Smith was ousted from office, members of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters yesterday attempted to interview Lieut. Gov. Hurley to demand an explanation of the council's procedure in suspending its rules to provide for the speedy confirmation of Reardon's nomination.

Unable to obtain an appointment with the lieutenant governor, Mrs. Helen G. Rotch and Mrs. Edward K. Nash, representing the league, said they would return to Mr. Hurley's office today.

Mrs. Richard H. Field, another executive of the league, under its 3300 members to establish contacts with their councillors who voted against Dr. Smith and in favor of Commissioner Reardon and demand explanations.

Commissioner Reardon was greeted in his new office by numerous friends and was the guest at an informal reception at Hotel Bellevue early the afternoon.

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Say Governor's Plea for WPA Workers Late And Incendiary

Curley Talks of "Riots and Bloodshed" If Men and Women Not Paid Before Christmas; Cut Red Tape

GOES TO FARLEY

Governor Appeals Over Hopkins' Head; Rotch Replies Tartly to Charge That Administration Is Failure

Boston, Dec. 20—Nearly a week after the national works progress administration and the department of the treasury at Washington had cut red tape to pay WPA workers before Christmas, Gov. Curley yesterday issued a demand that the workers should be paid before Christmas in order, he said, to avoid "riots and bloodshed."

WPA officials were aroused by the Curley statement. They said it was not only several days late but incendiary as well. They pointed to announcements in the press during the past week describing the machinery installed to speed up pay checks.

Col. C. L. Peek of the WPA national organization has been in Massachusetts for nearly a month installing the simplified system now in force, and Harry Hopkins and Aubrey Williams, WPA administrators at Washington, issued statements early in the week ordering that workers whose pay period ends today should be paid before the holiday.

Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA administrator, announced Tuesday the workers whose pay period ended today would be paid before Christmas, but that federal regulation would not permit prepayment to workers whose week ended after Friday. He sent telegrams to all district directors ordering them to transfer administrative workers from other divisions to their payroll divisions, and to work all day tomorrow and Sunday to make sure the payrolls for Friday and previous days would be in the hands of treasury officials Monday so that pay checks could be drawn for distribution Monday and Tuesday.

Meanwhile, although WPA officials claim to have virtually

Cleaned up the Problem of overdue pay checks resulting from

errors in payrolls submitted by sponsoring municipal departments, workers in several cities were still from three to five weeks behind in their pay, according to Gov. Curley's charges. He said 3000 in Lowell had not been paid since Nov. 21 and Wakefield workers were still five weeks behind.

Gov. Curley revealed he had gone over Hopkin's head to Postmaster-General Farley, who had promised to speak to the president about the governor's warning of riots and had also sent a hurry-up message to Hopkins. Curley described Rotch's administration as an abject failure.

"My quota was 113,700 workers in Massachusetts, Dec. 1 and on that date I had exceeded the quota by nearly 7000," retorted Rotch. "I don't call that failure. The payrolls were held up at first but that has been straightened out and everything will be all right from now on."

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How delightful it is to see all of Governor Curley's actions upheld so firmly by Councilor Daniel Coakley!—himself once a candidate for the gubernatorial office!

Statesmen of Great Britain and France are discovering that the Italo-Ethiopian situation is productive of internal as well as international dissension.

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Payson Smith Sought As New President of Springfield College

NO DECISION MADE YET ON INVITATION TO HEAD FACULTY

'I Am Not Making Definite
Plans at Present,' Former
State Commissioner Says

HAS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH LOCAL COLLEGE

Choice of Successor to Dr
Doggett Said to Have Been
Delayed On Chance Smith
Might Be Available

An invitation to become president of Springfield college has been extended to Dr Payson Smith, who yesterday left office as state commissioner of education after 18 years' service, it became known last night. While no official announcement to that effect has been made, it has been reported definitely that the trustees of the college extended the offer to Dr Smith some time ago, having in mind the possibility that Gov James M. Curley would not reappoint him as state commissioner.

No Decision Made

Reached at his home at Brookline, Dr Smith was asked whether he had made any decision in regard to the local college. He said he had made no decision.

"Just say," he said, "that I am not making definite plans at present."

The relationships between Dr Smith and the local college have always been extremely cordial. The former state commissioner has regarded the local

Former Commissioner
Of Education Invited
To Head College Here



DR PAYSON SMITH

institution as filling a special need in the field of education, while the college itself has observed in Dr Smith a man of high talents, whose contributions to education have been valuable beyond estimate.

Dr Smith has developed this friendly regard by frequent contacts with the local institution and its administrators. In June of this year he accepted an invitation to deliver the annual commencement address on the occasion of the college's golden jubilee. In the beginning of his address at that time the state commissioner expressed his high appreciation of the services which the college had rendered throughout a half century.

Dr Smith's own ideas as to the conduct of institutions of higher learning, and he observed that the local college has consistently been in line with these, were expressed during his address in these words:

"Educational institutions should be concerned not so much with the social order today or tomorrow but

with individual soundness of character. The social and economic order can be no better than its citizens and can be improved only by improving citizens. This is a day of cooperation and one of interdependence rather than independence."

The building of individual character has been one of the emphasized objectives of Springfield college and the institutional ideals expressed by Dr Smith are regarded as exactly those of the college administration. The trustees, it is reported, have been exceedingly anxious that the permanent successor to Dr L. L. Doggett be one they could rely on not to lose sight of these fundamentals. It was for this reason, it is said, that permanent appointment of a successor was delayed on the chance that political maneuvers might displace Dr Smith from his state office and make him available for service here.

High Prestige

Dr Smith, it is felt, would bring to the local office, if he accepted, not only ideals in common with the administration but an extraordinary experience in education and a high prestige that must inevitably reflect credit on any institution he undertook to serve. He has been considered for years one of the 10 foremost public school educators in the country, and during the past quarter of a century, has gained national distinction through his administration of New England school systems. He is widely known for his scholarship, breadth of experience and his insight into the administrative problems of education. During 1923-1924, Dr Smith was president of the department of superintendence of the National Education association.

Payson Smith is 62 years old age. He was born at Portland, Me., February 11, 1873, the son of John Parker and Margaret (Bolton) Smith. He was educated at Westbrook seminary and Tufts college, receiving an honorary A. M. degree in 1903. He received the doctor of laws degree from the University of Maine in 1908 and from Norwich university in 1928. In 1909, he received the doctor of literature degree from Bates, and in 1911, from Bowdoin. He also has the doctor of education degree, granted by the Rhode Island State College of Education in 1926.

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Don C. C. C.
He was principal of high schools and superintendent of schools at Canton, Me., and state superintendent of public schools of Maine from 1907 to 1917. Only July 1, 1917, he became state commissioner of education of Massachusetts.
Dr. Smith married Carrie Emily Swasey of Canton, Me., April 18, 1898. They have one son, Norman Smith, instructor of Greek at Westbrook seminary.
Should Dr. Smith accept the presidency of Springfield college, he will succeed a man who has held the post for almost 40 years. Dr. Doggett's resignation becomes effective January 1, and the trustees of the college have given a temporary appointment as acting president to Dr. A. Z. Mann, dean of the college.

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STATE HOUSE BRIEFS

From Our Special Reporter
Boston, Dec. 19.—William S. Doherty of West Roxbury, a disabled veteran, was today approved by State Civil Service Commissioner Thomas H. Green to become clerk of works at Westfield state sanatorium at \$60 a week. He will report to Roy Morgan, hospital superintendent. The assignment is temporary but is authorized to last for as long as a year.

Curley Staying Home

Gov Curley will not visit the State House tomorrow or Saturday. He announced upon leaving this afternoon he would stay at home and work on his legislative message and budget.

To Reinstate Engineers

The state civil service commissioner today authorized reinstatement of seven civil engineers to the metropolitan district commission who were dropped late in 1933. All the men are eastern residents and reinstatement is for nine months at \$3.65 a day.

For Lord's Day Hunting

A bill to legalize hunting and fishing on the Lord's day in Massachusetts was filed with the Senate clerk today.

Long Given Flowers

The desk of State Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long was literally buried with flowers today to mark his reappointment yesterday. The flowers were presented by employees of the department and other friends of the commissioner.

\$683 for Red Cross

A drive for subscriptions to the American Red Cross, conducted in the State House under the direction of State Auditor Thomas H. Buckley, netted \$683 this year, compared with \$433 last year. A check for this amount will be turned over to the organization tomorrow.

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SAYS TOWNSEND CLUBS CAN BEAT CURLEY IN 1936

Charles M. Hawks Declares
Every Attack On Pension
Plan by Governor Adds
to Club Membership

Special Dispatch to The Republican
Boston, Dec. 19.—An analysis of Gov Curley's vote in the last election shows that even if he maintained his 1934 popularity with the ordinary voters, the Townsend clubs of Massachusetts could swing enough votes to defeat him for any state office in 1936, declared Charles M. Hawks, state Townsend club manager, today.

In answer to Gov Curley's speaking campaign in favor of the national social security act, Hawks declared the governor's speeches hostile to Townsendism were largely responsible for the fact that the state now leads the East in the number of new members each week.

"Every time Curley speaks we get 2500 new paid-up members," said Hawks, who is the father of Frank Hawks, aviator. "Curley was elected governor by only a little more than 100,000 votes. Supposing he held his strength next election with the ordinary voters, it would take only a little more than 50,000 Townsend votes swung to the rival candidate to retire him permanently from public office. At present we already have 300,000 signers to petitions in this state favoring the Townsend bill. If only half of them went to the polls, we would have three times enough votes to dispose of Curley and, thanks to Curley's speaking campaign against us, we are growing at the rate of more than 2500 paid up members every week."

which, however, an observer could not prove or disprove, said the movement was growing most rapidly in the sections where the press was most hostile and had developed the most effective propaganda machine in the history of the world. He said more than 3,000,000 persons had paid initiation fees of 25 cents each and were meeting, through their clubs, monthly quotas of 10 cents per capita. Their national newspaper claims a circulation of 2,500,000.

To support his claim that Gov Curley's hostility to Townsendism and support of the social security act had helped the Townsendites, Hawks released figures for new members enrolled in 11 eastern states last week, showing 17 Massachusetts organizers had enrolled almost as many as the 10 other states combined. Four states, Maine, Delaware, Maryland and Rhode Island, reported no new members at all.

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CHURCH OPPOSING CONVICT'S RELEASE IS HIT BY CURLEY

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Not in "Right Mind"

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The protest, adopted by members of the Pleasant-street Baptist church, which was damaged by fire, read:—

"The Pleasant-street Baptist church protests the plan to commute this man's sentence on the grounds that sufficient time for adequate punishment has not been served as yet . . . and we feel that it is not for the best interests of our community for the prisoner to have his liberty at this time."

Brooks, Republican, Opposed

One member of Democratic Curley's executive council, Frank A. Brooks, Watertown Republican, added his voice to the opposition. "I have examined carefully the folder in the Gardner case," he said, "and can find absolutely no reason whatever why I should vote for the recommended commutation of sentence."

Gardner's pardon was only one of many proposed for the Christmas holidays. State officials yesterday announced more than 200 pardons or paroles were in prospect in the next few days. Many of these, however, are of persons committed to the state farm on drunkenness charges.

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RIOTS, BLOODSHED FEARED BY CURLEY

Contacts Farley and Hopkins in Effort to Speed Up WPA Payments — Attacks State Relief Head

From Our Special Reporter

Boston, Dec. 19 — Declaring that the administration of the office has been an "abject failure," and "there is a possibility of riots and bloodshed," Gov. Curley this afternoon asked Federal Emergency Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to take steps to assure the payment of wages to WPA employees. Curley sent the following letter to Hopkins, after a telephone conversation with Postmaster-General James A. Farley, who assured him he would take the matter up with President Roosevelt and Hopkins:—

"There is a possibility of riots and bloodshed unless persons employed under the works progress administration receive their wages prior to Christmas. I beg to direct your attention more particularly to the case of women and men—citizens of Lowell—to the number of 3000 who have received no pay since November 21 and are naturally resentful and whose resentment may find expression in some stronger form than verbal protest. What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where employees have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails.

Turns Attack to Rotch

"The attempt to excuse failure to so conduct the activities of this department as to meeting obligations of this character upon the ground of the enormity of the task is stupid for the reason that a sufficient number of competent clerical help is always available. The fault does not lie altogether in the system, rather does it lie directly with the official in charge, whose administration of the office may be summed up in the single phrase 'abject failure'."

Administrator Arthur G. Rotch said tonight that all money for all payrolls closing five days before Christmas would be in the hands of WPA workers in time for the holidays. The workers are paid every two weeks. All administrative employees, Rotch added, were working overtime to prepare payrolls before the deadline.

Earlier in the week, Aubrey Williams, first assistant to Hopkins, said at Boston that the same delay in meeting payrolls existed all over the country. He said a new simplified system of payment was being installed whereby entire payrolls would not be delayed because individual items were incorrect.

Williams praised the conduct of Rotch's office.

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CURLEY GIVES REARDON OATH; DEFENDS ACTION

"No One Is Indispensable,"
He Says in Defense of Removal of Dr. Payson Smith.

(Special to The Springfield Union)

BOSTON, Dec. 19 — Declaring "no one is indispensable" as a defense for ousting Dr. Payson Smith yesterday as State Commissioner of Education after 20 years of service and over the protests of leading educators, Gov. James M. Curley this afternoon administered the oath of office to James G. Reardon of Adams as Dr. Smith's successor. Mr. Reardon has been superintendent of schools in Adams.

The Governor expressed confidence that Dr. Smith's education and training "was no greater than yours" in swearing in the new commissioner and wished Mr. Reardon every success in his new office.

"I want to say," the Governor declared, "that I wish you every success in the office to which you have been appointed. I have appreciation that the education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours. If we all were to drop dead tomorrow other men and women would take our places who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the Education Department as well as any other place.

"You have a real responsibility and I am confident you will discharge it. That is the truest statement ever made. We sometimes kid ourselves we are indispensable. I repeat there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

Neilson Raps Change

Today President William A. Neilson of Smith College characterized the Council's failure to confirm Dr. Smith's reappointment as "a calamity for the interests of education in Massachusetts."

"It is extremely unfortunate," said Dr. Neilson, "that for reasons which one can only suppose to be political, the Commonwealth should be deprived of services of so great value as those of Dr. Smith."

Reardon Issues Statement

Commissioner Reardon, after taking the oath, issued a formal statement in which he expressed a determination to uphold the high standards of education in Massachusetts and to reiterate his position favoring the teachers' oath law.

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MORIARTY COULD AID TICKET, MANY IN PARTY BELIEVE

Mention of Prosecutor for
Lieutenant-Governor Stirs
Approval — No Clash With
McKeown Possible

Local Democrats last night were agreed, in the main, that if Dist-Atty Thomas F. Moriarty should be a candidate for lieutenant-governor, it would strengthen the ticket measurably. That Atty Moriarty may be a candidate was suggested in the newspapers yesterday afternoon. It was the consensus of party leaders that Western Massachusetts should be given adequate representation on the ticket next autumn.

State Senator Francis M. McKeown, who has also been mentioned as a possible candidate for the office, last night went so far as to say that if Moriarty was assured of support sufficient to get the preprimary nomination, he, for one, would not contest the office.

"You can be sure of this," he said. "There will never be any fight between Tom and myself over any office. We are good friends, and I respect his qualifications." At the same time, however, Senator McKeown did not close the door against the possibility of his own candidacy. It is known that party chieftains throughout the state have mentioned him in connection with the office.

Dist-Atty Moriarty could not be reached last night for comment on the story, and close friends would not take the responsibility of saying, one way or another, whether he considered seeking the nomination. Privately, however, it was said that a movement was gaining headway to have him declare himself a candidate.

In the minds of local party leaders, at least, it is conceded that the nominee for governor will be a man from or near Boston. With this in mind, it is suggested that the Democratic voters in the western part of the state should be given their own candidate to work for. It is also felt that because Mr. Curley's administration is almost certain to come in for the most severe sort of criticism at the hands of the Republican candidates, a strong candidate from Western Massachusetts would strengthen the platform. This would be especially true, it was pointed out last night, if that candidate had not been closely associated with the present administration.

It was recalled last night that two years ago, Dist-Atty Moriarty received prominent mention as a possible candidate for the same office. At the time it was reported he had strong backing in the preprimary convention.

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State House News

'No One Is Indispensable,' Curley Asserts as Reardon Sworn as Education Chief

Says Education and Training of Predecessor No Greater Than Reardon's—Latter to Support Adult Education and Indorses Teachers' Oath Law—Payson Smith Thanks Officials, Teachers and Citizens for Their Loyalty

From Our Special Reporter

Boston, Dec. 19.—As Gov Curley today administered the oath of office to James G. Reardon of Adams as the new state commissioner of education, it became known that the advisory board of the state department of education was to meet later to take such action as it is deemed necessary in connection with the loss of Dr. Payson Smith as commissioner. Report had it some of the advisory members intended to resign in protest of the action of Gov Curley in making a political appointment through a deal with the Democratic councilors.

Some members of the advisory board of the department of education met with A. Lincoln Filene at the Hotel Somerset tonight and, after dining, discussed the commissioner's matter. Attempts to obtain news as to developments brought the reply, "No information available." However, further developments from the advisory board are expected within a week or so.

The commissioner is chairman of this board but was not at the meeting, so far as could be learned. The other members are: Miss Mary E. Murray of Cambridge, a recent appointee of Gov Curley, who used her to displace Miss Grace Mansfield, a sister of Mayor F. W. Mansfield of Boston; Miss Anna M. Power of Worcester, recently reappointed by Curley; Walter V. McDuffee of Springfield, Henry B. Sawyer of Boston, A. Lincoln Filene of Boston, and Thomas H. Sullivan of Milbury.

Others Qualified

Gov Curley, in giving the oath today, expressed confidence in him. "I want to say," the governor declared to Reardon, after administering the oath, "that I wish you every success in the office to which you have been appointed. I have appreciation that the education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours. If we all were to drop dead tomorrow, other men and women

would take our places who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the education department as well as any other place. You have a real responsibility and I am confident you will discharge it. That is the truest statement ever made. We sometimes kid ourselves that we are indispensable. I repeat there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

After taking the oath, Commissioner Reardon issued this statement:—

"My interests from now on will be to uphold the high standards which have made Massachusetts conspicuous in the field of education. I shall be ready to do everything in my power to further adult education, to maintain and, if possible, improve the standing of state schools, and to do everything possible to secure employment for the young men and women citizens of Massachusetts who are qualified for teaching positions. As to any specific program, I prefer to make no announcement until I have had opportunity to become more familiar with the problems now under consideration in the state department of education.

"Regarding the oath. At the present the law of the state is that the teachers should take this oath. The General Court of Massachusetts has decided that at present such an oath is necessary. As long as the law made by the General Court exists, there is no question about the duty of any educator who is a lawabiding citizen. Those citizens who feel that the oath is not necessary, can have recourse to the constitutional method of changing the law. Concerning the necessity of this law at present, that depends on the on the facts which seemed to justify the General Court in passing this law and the ability as well as the willingness of educational authorities to handle the situation without the aid of special legislation. Concerning the observance of the law itself, I can see no objection to any educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the

performance of what is a clear duty—an oath similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials in the state."

The commissioner said he would have no further statement to make at this time. Among those to greet him was Representative Thomas Dorgan of Dorchester, who filed the teachers' oath bill adopted by the Legislature.

Dr Smith's Statement

Dr Smith, upon leaving post as commissioner of education, this afternoon made this statement:—

"I want to express my deep appreciation to the thousands of school officials, teachers, and citizens who have given to me and to the department of education their support through the years in which I have been in their service and in that of the children of the commonwealth, and for the continued confidence that has been shown me in recent months. I want also to speak of the invaluable service that the press of the state has rendered in acquainting the public with the work and activities of the department and in its sincere and wholesome criticism of its policies.

"I have taken great pride and satisfaction in the office of commissioner of education, and I have made every effort to discharge its duties in a manner consistent with its high traditions. In that effort I have had at all times the invaluable support of the members of the state board of education, of my associates on my staff, and in the institutions associated with the department of education."

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Hearing Ordered In Pardon Case

All Officials Favor Freedom
for Worcester Man,
Says Curley

(Special to The Springfield Union)

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Gov. Curley's proposal to commute the sentence of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, who burned down All Saints Episcopal Church and damaged the Pleasant St. Baptist Church in Worcester January, 1932, so that he would be eligible for immediate parole, has stirred up such a hornet's nest of protest that the Governor has decided to give a hearing on this matter before the pardons committee of the Executive Council on Monday morning. Gardner was sentenced to 10 to 12 years in State prison on five counts of incendiarism. Gov. Curley proposes to lessen his sentence from one of from four to 12 years. The Governor, in defense, said his action was based on the unanimous recommendation of every official connected with the Penal Department and with corrections.

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Riots, Bloodshed Feared by Curley

Governor Scores Delays in
Payments to WPA
Employees

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Delays in payments to Works Progress Administration workers were described tonight by Gov. James M. Curley as conducive to the "possibility of riots and bloodshed" unless the money was forthcoming by Christmas.

He made the statement in a letter to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal relief administrator, after a telephone conversation about such situations in Massachusetts with Postmaster Gen. James A. Farley.

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CURLEY PREPARING ANNUAL MESSAGE

Boston, Dec. 20—Governor Curley was a stay-at-home today.

The governor will remain away from the State House until Monday, while he works at home preparing his annual message to the Legislature.

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EVENING UNION
Springfield, Mass.

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Worcester Pastor /To Fight Pardon

Wants Definite Proof That
Gardner Is Not Con-
firmed Pyromaniac

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Definite proof that Henry A. Gardner, confessed incendiary, is not a confirmed pyromaniac was demanded today by Rev. Richard Greeley Preston, rector of All Saints Church, Worcester, before his 10 to 12 year prison sentence is commuted.

A public hearing will be held Monday on Gov. James M. Curley's recommendation for a Christmas parole for Gardner, who has served four years.

Rev. Mr. Preston said a protest against clemency in the form of a resolution adopted by members of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, was one for protection for the community.

Gardner, a Worcester resident, was arrested after he set a fire that destroyed the All Saints Episcopal Church.

Gov. Curley said his approval of the commutation was "based upon the fact that it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penal department and with corrections were unanimous in their approval of the commutation of sentence."

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REPUBLICAN
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A Man of Courage?

The Curley legend has pictured a colorful, composite character well endowed with talent for public life but having truculence and bluster in plenty, and even a dash of brutality in moments of anger. But the picture has never left out the prime element of personal courage. If he was two-fisted and a hard hitter, he faced his foes squarely. The governor has himself retouched the picture by his performance in throwing out Payson Smith, the best qualified man of national reputation in the office of state commissioner of education since the time of Horace Mann.

The performance in its secret conception and devious execution was anything but courageous. The boldness of a man who dared to go in a straight line to his objective regardless of the criticism he knew must be encountered was wholly lacking. The preliminary under-cover conference with the members of the council under the governor's control; the fake nomination of Mr. Smith for another term and its prompt rejection after the announcement that a second nomination was ready for immediate submission; the quick approval by a subservient council of the predestined commissioner—all this can be truthfully described in but one way. It was sneaking from beginning to end.

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UNION
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TOWNSEND CLUBS TO BEAT CURLEY, HAWKS DECLARES

"Everytime He Talks for
Roosevelt Pauper Plan
He Licks Himself,"
Says State Leader

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Boston Traveler, in a copyrighted story, says Charles M. Hawks, Massachusetts' manager of the Townsend Pension Plan Club, predicted Gov. James M. Curley would not be nominated for the U. S. Senate.

"We have 30,000 registered Townsend Club members in Massachusetts," the Traveler quotes him as saying, "and we have 10 times that many signers of pledges. That makes 300,000 votes."

Referring to Curley's avowed plan of running for the Senate, the paper quotes Hawks as saying: "Curley won't get by the primaries. Every time he goes on the air and talks for Roosevelt's pauper-pension plan, he licks himself. A year ago we had 45 clubs in Massachusetts and now we have 154 clubs."

"I believe Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal will be repudiated by a tremendous degree in this state."

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State House Briefs

By DONAL F. MacPHEE

Court Bill Filed

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—To obviate needless worry and hardship among litigants because of laxity on the part of judges, a bill has been introduced by Senator Walter L. Considine of New Bedford to fix a time limit of 60 days for reporting decisions by district court justices. There is no time limit at the present time.

Honor H. F. Long

The desk of State Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long was literally buried in flowers today to mark his reappointment yesterday to that office by Gov. James M. Curley.

Curley Plans Message

As he was leaving the State House for the day Gov. Curley announced that he would absent himself from Capitol Hill for the balance of the weekend. All scheduled appointments have been canceled and the Governor will spend the next several days on his message to the 1936 Legislature. The Governor discovered with some surprise today that the Legislature reconvenes on New Year's Day. He remarked rather ruefully that he had expected to have an additional week in which to prepare his message.

Consider New Road

The possible construction of a new highway over the summit of the Blue Hills was discussed by Gov. Curley and Chairman Eugene C. Hultman of the Metropolitan District Commission. The project would cost about \$700,000 and Commissioner Hultman is expected to ask that the Legislature make a sufficient appropriation to carry out the work.

ITEM

Wakefield, Mass.

DEC 20 1935

Brutality On Beacon Hill

(Boston Herald)

The Commonwealth has become so accustomed recently to hang its head in shame at the flagrant disregard on Beacon Hill of wholesome old principles and upright old practices that it expects additional outrages as a matter of course for another year. Nevertheless, the whole community will be shocked by the heartless ousting of Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education, and the immediate appointment and confirmation of his successor.

We lose a liberal, high-minded, conscientious, capable gentleman, who has served us admirably for twenty years without any thought of race, religion, partisan politics or anything except the good of the Commonwealth.

He has had the confidence and respect of every governor but Mr. Curley. He has made the department of education one of the finest in the country, and a model for our sister states. Practically all the school superintendents in Massachusetts, with the conspicuous exception of the Adams man who replaces him, not only endorsed him but pleaded that he should have another term. Our own superintendent of schools, Patrick T. Campbell, was foremost in the vain effort to persuade the Governor to go the way of decency.

The peremptory removal of Commissioner Smith was obviously due to cheap, shoddy politics on the part of the Governor and of a Council majority which he dominates whenever he cares to. No other valid explanation of the proceedings of yesterday can be offered. In his blind rage at Republicans and at all others who refuse to do his bidding, the Governor is running amuck without concern for the damage which he is inflicting on the Commonwealth.

And how cowardly his tactics were! Disgraceful as the removal itself was, the methods employed were just as bad. The Governor went in mock seriousness through the empty formality of first presenting the name of Commissioner Smith, well knowing that by prearrangement the Council would refuse to confirm. The Governor is utterly childish if he has the notion that this self-serving action will deceive anybody, even the most gullible. He aggravated his gross offence by his transparent attempt to set up an alibi in advance.

The whole episode marks a new low in the administration of the affairs of this Commonwealth. One more charge has been added to the long list on which the unpacked jury of the people will vote when they go to the polls next year.

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ITEM
Wakefield, Mass.

DEC 20 1935

Men Have Had No Money Since New Set-Up Was Begun

In spite of personal visits to Congressman Connery and Governor Curley, yesterday, and telegrams and interviews with WPA officials in Boston and Washington, J. Henry Morgan, Wakefield WPA official and assistant to Administrator Strong under the old ERA set-up, was unable to find any encouragement that local WPA workers would receive their long overdue money in time for Christmas.

About \$30,000 in payroll money is due approximately 300 government-project workers here in Wakefield. It is admitted that the situation is getting serious for them and somewhat for the merchants who have been giving them credit for the last four or five weeks, in anticipation of payrolls.

Mr. Morgan said, this morning, that much as he dislikes to say it, he could see no chance of the men getting their money before Christmas.

Mr. Morgan frankly expressed the belief that the change from ERA to WPA and the resulting changes in methods had produced a state of disorganization which is partly illustrated by the fact that last Wednesday noon, Mr. Morgan says he was told at the WPA office in Boston that they were working on the Wakefield checks and that possibly they might be sent out that day. When they did not arrive, Mr. Morgan called up on Thursday and then learned from another clerk that there were neither payrolls nor checks for Wakefield.

Protests are coming in from all cities and towns in the state where the situation is more or less the same.

The interview which Mr. Morgan and Congressman Connery had with Gov. Curley at 4.30, yesterday afternoon, was more or less responsible for the statement issued by the governor, and published last night and this morning, in which he criticized the WPA administration and predicted unpleasant results unless the WPA accomplished something right away.

Wakefield's ERA payroll averaged about \$7,200 a week and on that basis under WPA the men are owed approximately \$30,000 for the last four weeks. None of them had had a cent since the new projects were started under WPA on Nov. 20, with 300 men employed. They received on Dec. 7, the last two-days' pay of the old ERA set-up, so \$6.50 in four weeks is all each man has had, and the men working on the Montrose Cemetery, Greenwood Playground, and other miscellaneous projects have received nothing. The small amount that has been paid went to the men on the sidewalk projects for the last two days under ERA.

Under the new system, payrolls are made up here Thursday night and sent to Boston. Checks are made out in Boston and then sent to the Cambridge office, which is the disbursing office, and paymasters are supposed to be sent out from Cambridge.

Mr. Morgan and Congressman Connery saw Gov. Curley personally, late, yesterday afternoon. Gov. Curley telegraphed to Administrator Hopkins in Washington again and to various other sources in an attempt to get some action, but was unsuccessful and unable to get any definite idea when the pay checks would come through.

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NEWS-TRIBUNE

Waltham, Mass.

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Birthday Banquet Given Harry Kane

The Swiss Room at the Copley Plaza was the scene last night of a testimonial birthday banquet arranged by more than 100 friends and business associates in honor of Harry Kane, one of New England's most aggressive and popular business leaders, president of the Kane Furniture Company (one of America's largest furniture institutions) operating 15 great furniture stores in the New England states.

Many well known business executives were present, including David Lillienthal, Fox Furriers, Arthur Stone, Vice President, 1st National Bank; Ben Elfman, Ben Elfman & Co.; J. H. Burke, Burke & Co.; Frank Houlihan, President of Moller's Inc.; Arthur Stern, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co.; and many others. Among the Kane executives present were Max Weiss, General Manager, Louis Kane, Assistant Treasurer, M. W. Bliss, President, R. I. Supply Division, Kane Co., Lloyd Bliss, Treasurer, R. I. Supply Division of the Kane Co., M. Swenson, Merchandise Manager, B. Roberts, Manager Boston Store, J. Gold, Manager Waltham Store, J. Jurmain, Manager Cambridge Store, and many others.

One of the highlights of the occasion was the presence of Theodore Glynn, former fire commissioner of the city of Boston, personal representative of Governor James M. Curley, who extended the official greetings of the Commonwealth to Mr. Kane, and glowingly commended him on behalf of the Governor on his amazing success in carrying his organization from a single store, a few short years ago, to its present position as one of America's greatest furniture institutions — on providing ever increasing employment and factory activity in New England and on furnishing such a splendid example of courage, leadership and Americanism during his entire business career.

Following Mr. Glynn, Frank Houlihan, toastmaster, introduced M. W. Bliss, Arthur Stone, Arthur Stern, Ralph Kahn, Jack Cremmens and other friends and executives of the Kane Company who paid glowing tribute to Mr. Kane's leadership and success.

After the speeches Mr. Houlihan presented Mr. Kane with a great golden key, symbolic of the key to the new office furnished by friends and associates for Mr. Kane as their birthday gift, whereupon Mr. Kane responded in sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the tribute paid him.

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Unpaid Federal Workers Make Wage Demands

Governor Curley Fears Riot
And Bloodshed If Men
Are Not Paid

Some Unpaid For 5 Weeks

BOSTON, Dec. 19—(P)—Delays in payment to WPA workers were described tonight by Governor James M. Curley as being conducive to the "possibility of riots and bloodshed" unless the money was forthcoming by Christmas.

He made the statement in a letter to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Relief administrator, after a telephone conversation about such situations in Massachusetts with Postmaster James A. Farley.

The governor referred particularly to the situation in Lowell, where approximately 3,000 WPA workers have reportedly received no pay since Nov. 21.

"What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employees have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities of the state the same condition prevails."

Curley attributed the delays to the "official in charge," Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA-ERA administrator, with whom he has been at odds for a fortnight over the conduct of the WPA in Massachusetts.

Rotch said tonight that all money for all payrolls closing five days before Christmas would be in the hands of WPA workers in time for the holiday.

The workers are paid every two weeks. All administrative employees Rotch added, were working overtime to prepare payrolls before the deadline.

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REARDON TAKES SCHOOL WORK

Officially Succeeds Smith In
Massachusetts After
Political Battle

BOSTON, Dec. 19—(P)—A 36-year-old school superintendent of a small town, James G. Reardon, officially became Massachusetts' new commissioner of education tonight, displacing an incumbent of 19 years. Reardon, appointed yesterday a

few minutes after Governor James M. Curley's reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith was rejected by the executive council, was sworn in today. He had been school superintendent in Adams, and previously, in East Bridgewater.

In a statement, he pledged himself "to uphold the high standards which have made Massachusetts conspicuous in the field of education," but declined to describe any specific program he had in mind.

Asked about his views on the controversial Massachusetts teachers oath law, which Dr. Smith opposed, and in which the Education Department has been embroiled, Reardon said:

"I can see no objection to any educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the performance of what is a clear duty—an oath

similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials in the state."

Today President William A. Neilson of Smith college characterized the council's failure to confirm Dr. Smith's reappointment as "a calamity for the interests of education in Massachusetts."

"It is extremely unfortunate," said Dr. Neilson, "that for reasons which one can only suppose to be political, the commonwealth should be deprived of services of so great value as those of Dr. Smith."

Reardon was given a tart reminder of the ousting of Dr. Smith after 19 years' service. Governor Curley in administering the oath to the new commissioner, remarked: "We sometimes kid ourselves that we are indispensable. I repeat there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

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TIMES

Woburn, Mass.

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EDUCATIONAL HEAD CLASSMATE OF WOBURN MEN

City Solicitor James H. McLaughlin witnessed the administration of the oath to the new commissioner of education, James G. Reardon, by Governor James M. Curley yesterday. The new commissioner was a classmate of City Solicitor McLaughlin and Laurence J. Murphy, local druggist, at Boston College. Mayor Edward W. Kenney of this city, was one of the endorsees of the new commissioner on the petition presented to Governor Curley.

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TOWNSMAN Wellesley, Mass.

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CHINA, FRISCHIA Ripley.

Wellesley Hills Locals

The executive council confirmed Gov. Curley's appointment last week of Dr. Otho L. Schofield of Wellesley Hills to the office of medical examiner of the 1st Norfolk district to succeed Dr. Arthur S. Hartwell of Norwood.

TOWNSMAN

Wellesley, Mass.

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SOMETHING ROTTEN ON BEACON HILL

That the public school system of Massachusetts has become contaminated by politics was clearly demonstrated this week when Dr. Payson Smith, Commissioner since 1917, was removed from office by five Democratic members of the Governor's Council. Despite the fact that Dr. Smith's name was sent to the Council by Gov. Curley it was apparently merely a gesture to pacify the thousands of honorable citizens who protested against the removal of one who has brought the public school system of Massachusetts up to its present enviable standing throughout the nation. According to the Boston papers there was a conference between the six Democratic members of the Governor's Council and the Governor immediately preceding the vote and it was then clearly predicted that Dr. Smith would fail of confirmation.

On Friday of last week Grace I. Woodbury, President of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation, which she said takes in 21,000 or about 80% of the public school officials and teachers of the State, made the following statement in regard to the appointment of a Commissioner of Education:

"The vast majority of the teachers of Massachusetts are in favor of the reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith as Commissioner of Education, as is also true of school superintendents and college people. The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation and commendation of Dr. Smith's fine services since 1917. I headed a committee which presented this official resolution to Governor Curley in person on November 18.

"Of course, there are some who wish to see a change in the Commissionership. No man can serve in high public office for eighteen years without an accumulation of misunderstandings, disappointments, personal animosities, and political hostility. I want to state, in no uncertain terms, that any opposition from teachers comes from a small minority and does not reflect the general attitude of Massachusetts teachers, regardless of attempts to create a contrary impression.

"I hope that every educator and citizen of Massachusetts who stands for the principle of keeping politics and education separated, and who believes that able, professional educational leadership should be supported, will immediately ask Governor Curley to reappoint Payson Smith as Commissioner of Education."

Despite the statement of the President of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation the directors of that organization voted this week 12 to 8 in endorsing the man who was appointed to succeed Dr. Smith. Despite the fact that the Federation of Teachers was one of the most active foes of the teachers' oath bill when it was before the Legislature last session this body voted to endorse the man who stood 100% for the oath.

While we feel that the action of the Governor's Council was entirely contrary to the wishes of the majority of citizens, we also feel that there must have been some monkey business within the ranks of the Federation of Teachers to produce the paradox.

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TOWNSMAN

Wellesley, Mass.

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Dr. Schofield Appointed By Gov. Curley

Confirmed as Medical Examiner
for 1st Norfolk District

Included among the recent appointments of Governor Curley is the appointment of Dr. Otho L. Schofield of 50 Washington street, Wellesley Hills, to the office of Medical Examiner for the 1st Norfolk District to succeed Dr. Arthur S. Hartwell of Norwood. Dr. Schofield's appointment was confirmed by the Governor's Council at its meeting last week.

Dr. Schofield is well known in Wellesley having made his home here for the past 35 years and serving at one time as a Selectman. He saw service in the Spanish American War and when the United States entered the World War he organized a medical unit and served in Italy, from which country he received a decoration.

Dr. Schofield has long been identified with the Democratic Party and is at the present time the chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and an executive of the Norfolk County Democratic Club. He was a member of Governor Ely's staff during the time that he was in office. He holds the rank of Major in the Massachusetts National Guard and is a member of Nehoiden Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Needham.

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towns."

Exit Dr. Payson Smith

The wisdom exhibited by the Massachusetts Executive Council in rejecting the reappointment of Dr. Payson Smith as Commissioner of Education is open to question. Dr. Smith, in his nineteen years of honorable service in that responsible position, had acquired a wealth of experience which was of incalculable value to the Bay State, and there was little, if no, justification for any change in the Education Commissioner's office at a time when the Massachusetts schools need the skillful guidance of the best man available to grapple successfully with the problems laid at their doors by adverse economic conditions and ill-advised legislation.

While Governor Curley did submit the reappointment of Dr. Smith to his Executive Council for confirmation before he offered the name of James G. Reardon, the new commissioner, there are many persons in Massachusetts who will suspect that the retiring official was the victim of a cruel political trick. It is significant that the Smith appointment, once submitted, was quickly rejected, and that the Governor lost no time in sending in the name of Mr. Reardon, who was accorded immediate confirmation under suspension of the rules.

Can Mr. Curley convince friends of the deposed commissioner that Dr. Smith was given a fair chance and that the submission of the latter's name was not just a face-saving gesture on the part of the Governor, engineered with a view to throwing the responsibility for the change on the Executive Council? It will be hard to erase the suspicion that Dr. Smith's fate was settled long before his name was placed before the council. The demands for the retirement of Dr. Smith, received from different quarters weeks in advance of the

expiration of his term, and the Governor's veiled intimations that he might make a change, climaxed by the action of the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation in favor of giving the berth to Mr. Reardon, all seem to indicate that the deposed official was "bagged."

Mr. Reardon's experience in educational matters has been too limited to qualify him as the outstanding Massachusetts candidate for the position. Only thirty-six years of age, his ability as an educational leader has been tested only in such relatively unimportant positions as superintendent of schools in East Bridgewater and Adams, both comparatively small municipalities. In time he may establish himself as an even more capable executive than the man he succeeds, but it would hardly be fair to expect him to show at the start the qualities of leadership and the grasp of educational problems possessed by his predecessor.

Dr. Smith, on the other hand, had acquired experience as an educational leader which qualified him admirably for the position he held. In his home State he was regarded as a capable, fearless, and inspired leader. Nationally he ranked as one of the most enlightened men in his profession. His rejection no doubt will be resented by all those who believe in keeping politics out of the school and in basing appointments to responsible educational positions solely upon the integrity and capability of the candidate.

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Governor Curley Asks Hearing On Convict's Pardon

Favors Release Of Man Who Burned Church, Despite Opposition

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A public hearing Monday on a recommendation for parole of an incendiary convicted of setting church fires was requested by Governor James M. Curley yesterday after one church and an executive councillor had voiced opposition.

Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, Republican member of the executive council, joined with the Pleasant Street Baptist Church of Worcester in opposing commutation of sentence and parole for Henry A. Gardner, 32, of Worcester. Brooks said he could see no reason for commutation.

Gardner was convicted in 1932 of setting fires that destroyed All Saints' Episcopal Church and damaged the Pleasant Street Church.

Governor Curley supported the recommendation he sent to the council Wednesday for commutation of Gardner's 10-to-12 year sentence to four to 12 years, making him eligible for parole immediately.

The governor said, "My approval of the commutation in this case was based upon the fact that it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penitentiary department and with corrections were unanimous in their approval of the commutation of sentence. . . ."

"The recommendation in this case was based, so far as I have been able to ascertain, on the fact that the man had served four years, that it was his first offense, and that unquestionably he was not in his right mind at the time the offense was committed, being under the influence of liquor.

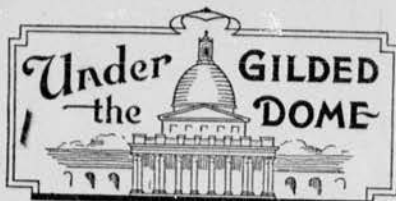
"If the protest is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness, and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

The governor said he had requested the committee on pardons of the governor's council to give a hearing Monday, at 10 a.m. to any persons desiring to protest. He said that because of the nature of the protest from the church he was referring it to the council committee. He said the commutation would have reunited Gardner and his family for the first time in four years.

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REVIEW
Winthrop, Mass.

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With the "bye elections" out of the way and Christmas spirit in the air, the politicians have all relaxed for a moment but it's just the beginning, boys, just the beginning. For the relaxation is only to stretch out their muscles in preparation for the actual warfare which will begin right after New Year's and then the preliminary skirmishes will be shoved aside, some of the polite terms will be forgotten and Massachusetts will be plunged, rather early this time, into the midst of a political battle such as has not been seen in many a year.

For there's a distinctly different atmosphere this time. Seems as though every prominent Republican one mentions is inclined to believe he could be elected Governor and don't know but what each of them is correct. There are so many announced and avowed candidates now that one steps on them in corridors and then there are lurking in the background, but not too far back, so many tentative candidates with their lightning rods carefully set that one begins to wonder just what will happen if each man votes for himself, looks like a draw from here.

Joe Warner, Leverett Saltonstall, John Haigis, Henry Parkman, Alvan Fuller, oh, one could go on endlessly and they are all good men and true and whoever is nominated the party is certain of a standard bearer capable of waging the hottest kind of a fight. The spirit of supreme confidence pervades everywhere in direct contrast with the spirit of "well we are licked" that spread around little more than a year ago. It augurs well for a change in administration up on Beacon Hill and for a Republican Senator in Washington.

Of course the Republican candidate against Senor Curley will be hampered in one respect, for the G. O. P. nominee will have no gardener to detect dictaphones and there can hardly be a jewel robbery, for everyone knows that Republicans haven't as many jewels lying around these days as in former years. But there exists a belief that the voters will decide this next election on the merits of the candidates and not be

swayed by wildly partisan, vicious radio attacks such as undeniably exerted tremendous influence in the last campaign.

Oh, they will be there all right, those same attacks but the public is pretty well fed up by now on that sort of thing and ridicule has replaced bland wonderment and gullibility and when ridicule forces its way in then the politician subjected to its blasts is lost.

Hereabouts state politics are occupying most of the attention and thought of leaders, national politics will come later. But just now the one ambition and hope of the Republicans is to win Massachusetts back to the paths and ways of its early leaders and statesmen. In doing that, the locals will have just about done their share also in placing the nation itself back on that footing.

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STAR
Winchester, Mass.

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WORKERS ON THE JOB WOULD BE GIVEN
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

WINCHESTER TEACHERS EN- DORSED PAYSON SMITH

By a unanimous ballot vote on Wednesday the Winchester Teachers' Club voted to urge Governor James M. Curley to reappoint Dr. Payson Smith as Commissioner of Education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The vote was taken by schools and every teacher voted. A telegram, signed by Miss Leonor M. Rich, president of the Teachers' Club was sent to Governor Curley.

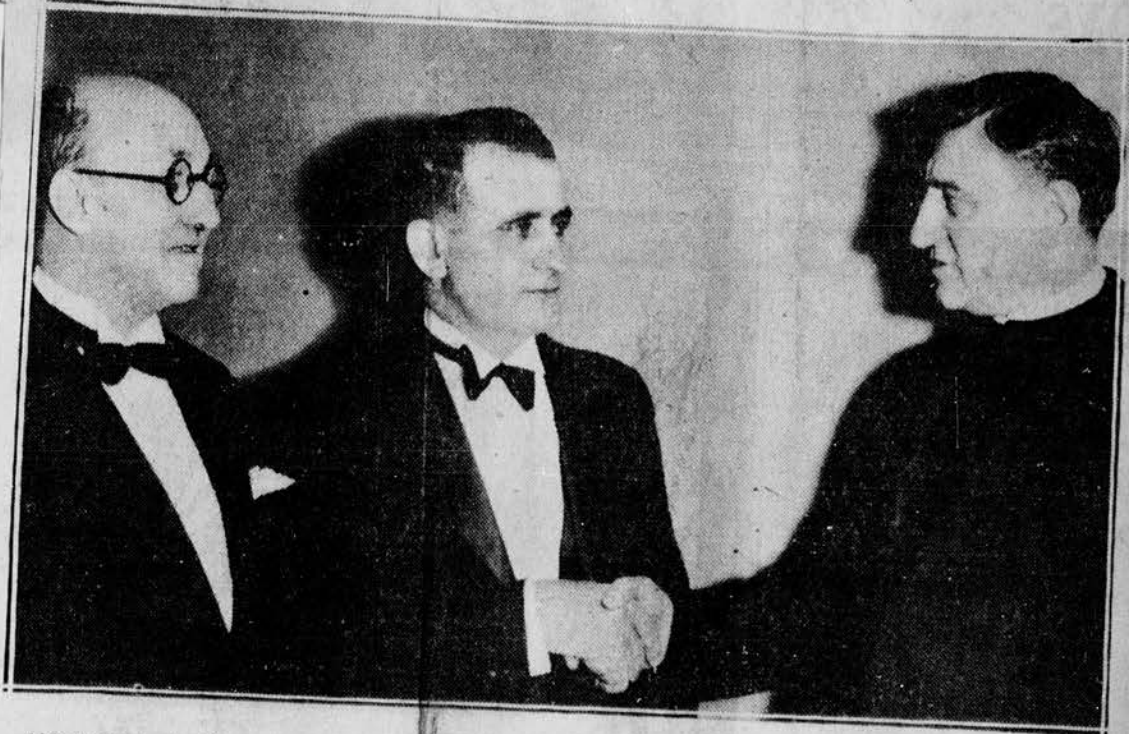
Miss Rich stated to the Star that the local teachers' vote should not be interpreted as indicating any desire on the part of the Winchester Teachers' Club to enter the political lists. The teachers have in the past, however, found Dr. Smith most helpful in promoting the highest educational standards for the State and with this in view felt justified in urging his retention.

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TELEGRAM
Worcester, Mass.

DEC 20 1935

At Dinner Honoring Alderman-elect



Alderman-elect Alfred A. Bianchi (center), who was honored at a dinner last night in Hotel Bancroft. With him are, left, Dr. Joseph Santosuosso of Boston, toastmaster, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gioacchino Maffei, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, a speaker.

500 Attend Dinner Held For Bianchi

Monsignor Maffei Heard, As Is Dr. Santosuosso

Hailed frequently by speakers as a future candidate for mayor of Worcester and highly lauded for his public service as a councilman the past two years, Alderman-elect Albert A. Bianchi of Ward 3, was honored by more than 500 persons at a dinner last night in Hotel Bancroft.

Rep. Edward J. Kelley paid warm tribute to Mr. Bianchi. Other speakers were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gioacchino Maffei of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Senator Joseph A. Langone of Boston, and Dr. Joseph Santosuosso of Boston, toastmaster.

Charges Propaganda

Dr. Santosuosso discussed the Italian-Ethiopian situation, charging that the American people were being propagandized into looking on Italy with criticism. The Ethiopians as a race, he said, "are savage and uncivilized," asserting that the world at large has a misconception of the actual situation. Italy, he said, admits that it needs to expand and needs raw materials.

"When England, France and Japan needed to expand," he declared, "they did. When we, as Italians, start not only to expand but to protect our honor, we are the subject of protests and sanctions from the League of Nations. When Japan two years ago went into Manchukuo, there were no sanctions by the League of Nations. Great Britain is jealous and afraid that Italy will stop the flow of water that feeds the Nile and waters Egypt. Yet when we protest against 91 incidents of massacre, murder and mutilation by Ethiopians in Italian Somaliland and Eritrea, nothing is done."

"We will do no harm to civilization by going into Ethiopia. We intend, instead, to civilize those people who have no government and no law."

Monsignor's Praise

Rev. Msgr. Maffei praised Mr. Bianchi as a man honest and sincere in his efforts to serve the best interests of the public. "Not many years from now," he predicted, "we will have him as the mayor of Worcester."

He blamed the defeat of Dr. Santosuosso as a candidate for secretary of state last year to the failure of the Italian-American vote to come out solidly in his behalf.

He also touched briefly on the Italian-Ethiopian situation, asserting that "while we are being criticized on every side, we are a race of fifty-one million people, and we bow to no one. When we speak, we shake the power of England, France and other nations."

No Curley Picture

The suggestion that the Lyman School for Boys in Westboro be closed and converted into a tuberculosis sanatorium was advanced by Senator Langone, who criticized in no uncertain terms the state sanatorium at Rutland. He charged that at Rutland "they are crude and rude." In substantiation of this he said that the only picture of a Governor missing from the institution walls is that of Governor Curley. "When they do not hang his picture," he said, "one can imagine what they do at that hospital."

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He also voiced strong criticism against the interests seeking tax reductions, declaring that if taxes are cut, "we cannot have good streets and institutions." "Cut down the Ware River sixty-five million dollar steal," he said, "but don't save money at the expense of any man, woman or child."

Noting that Worcester will have a Republican mayor next year, he said that irrespective of the party in power, "get the best you can out of the city." He concluded by asserting that he was "dying to get back on the firing line in the State Senate next month in the interest of the people."

The committee was headed by Charles L. Tarantino, who introduced the toastmaster. Other guests at the head table were Mrs. Bianchi and Mrs. Kelley.

Entertainment included a dinner serenade by the Di Taranto brothers, and a stage revue. Dancing concluded the program.

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SELECTMEN WILL MEET AT BOSTON

316 Towns to Re Represented at State House Sessions, Jan. 3 and 4

Members of the Massachusetts Selectmen's association from 316 towns, will meet at the Gardner Auditorium at the State House on Jan. 3 and 4 to vote on the affairs of the association.

Twenty-four articles will be acted upon, including election of officers.

Guest speakers on Jan. 3 will be Governor Curley, WPA Administrator Arthur G. Kitch, and PWA Administrator Andrew H. Peterson. Speakers on Jan. 4 will be Frederick Butler of Andover, president of the County Commissioners' and Sheriffs' association of Massachusetts, and former Assistant Attorney General Edward T. Simoneau of Marlboro.

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CONSIDER POSTING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON SOUTHWEST CUTOFF

State Officials Plan Meeting, Probably Next Week—Public Safety Head Suggests Warning Might Tend Toward Slower Driving

By CLINTON P. ROWE
Gazette State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—A group of state officials will meet, probably next week, to discuss erection of speed limit signs along the 17-mile stretch of the southwest cutoff, scene of many fatal accidents and injuries.

Col. Paul G. Kirk, Commissioner of Public Safety, said today he would ask Commissioner of Public Works William F. Callahan and Registrar of Motor Vehicles Frank H. Goodwin to attend a conference for discussion of the Cutoff situation, with particular reference to posting speed-limit signs.

In checking the record of violations on the Cutoff which have come to the attention of police, Commissioner Kirk said he had noted that many out-of-state motorists, particularly those from Connecticut and New York, have been either arrested for speeding or warned against it.

Say Road Invites Speed

The State Police say the road invites speed, and Colonel Kirk suggested that warning signs might be used as another step toward reducing the speed element.

If the signs are posted the work will be done by the Public Works Department, and their maintenance would rest with that department.

For several months Colonel Kirk has maintained a special state police patrol on the Cutoff. The patrol report for the past 24 hours shows 33 cars were stopped, that there was one arrest for speeding, 11 summonses issued and seven warnings given.

The State Department of Public Works engineering division is working on plans to make the cutoff over from a three to a four-lane road. Governor Curley has said that steps looking to the ultimate reconstruction of the Cutoff will be taken next Spring.

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FROM TODAY'S TELEGRAM

"A great many things besides mere size have given Worcester a place in society which has little to do with numbers but a lot to do with civilization."

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"There is a lot of Russia right here in Boston if we only look for it."

Edward A. Filene, Page 21

"The Constitution is supreme simply because it expresses the ultimate will of the people."

Attorney-General Cummings, Page 22.

"Say goodbye forever to platinum-haired Jean Harlow."

Louella O. Parsons, Page 38

"My conscience is clear."

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"There is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

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Church Will Send Two To Gardner's Hearing

Firebug Parole Case to Come Up Monday

Two deacons of Pleasant Street Baptist Church were empowered by the board of deacons of the church last night to confer with representatives of All Saints' Church today to reach a ground of cooperative action in opposing the commutation of the prison sentence of Henry A. Gardner, convicted of firing both churches in 1932.

Rev. Lester C. Holmes, pastor, said that too few members of the board were present at last night's meeting to take conclusive action, but the two members, whose names he withheld, were empowered to represent the deacons. Who will attend the hearing before the pardons committee of the Governor's Council Monday morning at 10 o'clock as the church's representative has not been decided, he said.

The Pleasant Street Baptist Church, following its prayer meeting Wednesday night, drafted a resolution opposing the commutation of Gardner's sentence.

No All Saints' Action

George Sumner Barton, senior warden of All Saints' Church, said that he did not know whether he or any representative of the church would attend the hearing. Edward T. Esty, clerk of the church, said no meeting of the vestrymen had been called, and no meeting of church officials will be held before the hearing Monday. Any members of the church appearing at the hearing would appear as individuals and not as representatives of the church, he said.

W. Emory Wardwell, treasurer of the church, has said that he would oppose any effort to commute Gardner's sentence. Rev. Richard G. Preston, rector of the church, said he believed the community should have assurance that Gardner would not revert to incendiaryism again.

District Attorney Owen A. Hoban said that he had received no official notice of the hearing, although it is customary to call on the district attorney's office for recommendations and comments in such action.

Police Chief Foley said he would undoubtedly appoint someone to represent the department at the hearing if notice was received.

Public Hearing Monday Ordered by Hurley

By CLINTON P. ROWE

Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A public hearing in the case of Henry A. Gardner, whose prison sentence for firing Worcester churches has been recommended for commutation by Governor Curley, was ordered formally late this afternoon by Lieut.

Gov. Joseph L. Hurley of Fall River, chairman of the Pardons Committee of the Governor's Council.

The hearing will be held Monday forenoon at 10 o'clock in the Governor's Council chamber.

Governor Curley, claimed approval by several state agencies of his recommended commutation of sentence. Councilor Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, member of the Pardons Committee, said that after study of the Gardner folder he saw no reason why he should receive commutation.

The pardons committee received the Governor's recommendation in this and four other cases yesterday. It had been announced that the committee would consider the cases at a Monday meeting, with the full council scheduled to convene at noon to act on the committee recommendations. Noting the protests today, the Governor said he would recommend a public hearings.

Curley Statement

"The recommendation in this case was based, so far as I have been able to ascertain, on the fact that the man had served four years, that it was his first offense, and that unquestionably he was not in his right mind at the time the offense was committed, being under the influence of liquor," the Governor said in a statement when he learned of the widespread indignation in Worcester.

"If a protest is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness, and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all it conveys, then there is no way to justly granting pardons or commutations to any offender," the Governor said in the course of his statement.

Councilor Brooks said he could not discover that the application for commutation had been signed by anybody, and added that while it used to be the custom for such procedure, the custom had been dropped in the past few years. He said the folder was made up largely of recommendations by John H. Backus, an assistant secretary to the Governor who investigates pardon applications, and also that it contained recommendations from the State Prison Warden for clemency.

Officials "Unanimous"

In his statement, the Governor asserted that his approval was based "upon the fact that it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the penal department and with corrections were unanimous in their approval of a commutation of sentence."

The Governor said:

"The protest made by certain church dignitaries of Worcester against recommendation for commutation of sentence in the case of Henry A. Gardner from 10 to 12 years to four to 12 years, of which sentence he has served four years, and, in the event of parole would have an opportunity to spend Christmas day for the first time in four years with his family and relatives, has been of such character that I have decided to refer protests to the committee on pardons of the Governor's Council which meets two days prior to Christmas, on Monday, Dec. 23, at 10 a. m. in the council chamber, State House, Boston."

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Curley Continues Attack on Rotch

Sees Necessity for Immediate Change

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (P)—Gov. James M. Curley continued his criticism of Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA administrator, by making public a letter which he said "emphasizes the necessity for an immediate change."

The Governor said Rotch's "feeble excuse that payment of wages have been delayed but five days is disproved" by the letter which was signed by J. Henry Morgan, engineer in charge of WPA projects in Westfield, and which dealt with "the critical condition of WPA workers there," most of whom, Morgan said, "have been without money for four weeks."

The condition, Morgan's letter said, has been created "by the absolute collapse of the pay roll audit division at the WPA state headquarters."

The letter said WPA activities in Westfield began Nov. 20, when 300 men were put to work, and on Dec. 7, it said, they received two days' pay, amounting to \$6.50 a man. Since then, it declared, "these men have been without their wages." On three other projects begun Nov. 20, he said, workers had received no pay.

Concluded

He also voiced strong criticism.

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FOLEY TO OPPOSE GARDNER PAROLE *France Prepared for Attack by*

Italy

FINNERAN WILL PRESENT VIEWS OF POLICE HEAD

Detective Superintendent to
Cite Objections to Fire-
bug's Commutation of
Sentence at Hearing
Monday

SESSION WILL BE
HELD AT BOSTON

The Police Department will
oppose the Governor's proposal
to commute the sentence of

Henry A. Gardner, church and
home firebug, so that he may be
available for an immediate pa-
role, Chief Thomas F. Foley
said this afternoon after a con-
ference with Supt. of Detectives
William P. Finneran. The de-
partment will be represented at
the hearing in the State House
in Boston Monday morning at 10
o'clock by Superintendent Fin-
neran, who will express the de-
partment's opposition to the
Governor's proposal.

Just what data the department
will present in opposition Chief
Foley declined to reveal this after-
noon, saying it was not expedient
for him to discuss before the hear-
ing the nature of the case the po-
lice would present in opposing li-
beration of Gardner.

The police representative will be
joined by two official delegates of
the Pleasant Street Baptist Church,
one of Gardner's victims, but
whether or not there would be any
other official Worcester representa-
tives could not be learned today.

Hoban in Boston

The office of District Attorney
Owen A. Hoban declined to venture
a prediction as to what the district
attorney might do in the matter.
Mr. Hoban was in Boston and not
available by telephone. The nature
of his trip to Boston was not re-
vealed here in Worcester or at his
office in Gardner.

To Attend Hearing



WILLIAM P. FINNERAN

Just what the All Saints Church
would do in the matter remained
undetermined but it was said no
official action seemed in prospect.
It was believed likely, however,
some unofficial representative or
representatives of the church
might attend the session.

continues

Conclusion

NO FORMAL NOTICE FOR GARDNER HEARING

By Clinton P. Rowe,

Gazette State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Those who wish to appear before the pardons committee on the Governor's Council at 10 o'clock, Monday, to protest a recommended commutation of sentence for Henry A. Gardner of Worcester, serving a sentence for firing two churches, are expected to do so without formal notice, it was said today at the office of Lieut. Gov. Joseph L. Hurley.

The information given was that no formal notice of the hearing will be sent those who have indicated they would protest the clemency recommended by Governor Curley for Gardner. It was said that newspaper notices would be depended upon and that all those desiring to appear would be welcomed and given full opportunity to present their opposition.

Protests Increasing

The Lieutenant Governor, as chairman of the Pardons Committee, called the hearing on the case after a growing volume of protest against the Governor's recommendation which, if adopted, would make Gardner, sentenced for setting fire to All Saints' Church and the Pleasant Street Baptist Church in Worcester, eligible for immediate parole.

Governor Curley has indicated that he is not inclined to recede from his recommendation, although asserting he had recommended that the pardons committee, to which the recommendation was referred Wednesday, give a hearing to those who oppose clemency for Gardner.

"Anyone wishing to be heard on the Gardner recommendation will be welcome at the hearing and given full opportunity to state their objections," summed up the attitude of the Lieutenant Governor.

Commenting on the information from the Lieutenant Governor's office that those desiring to protest the recommended commutation of sentence for Gardner would be expected to take such notice from newspapers, Councilor Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, member of the Pardons Committee, today expressed dissatisfaction.

In a case like Gardner's or in pardon cases that when a hearing is given that all parties allegedly injured by the acts of the person recommended for clemency should receive a formal notice of the hearing.

"It seems to me that this is the proper thing to do, as a matter of courtesy," he said.

Another note of incongruity crept into the case this afternoon when the district attorney's office here received an official notification of the hearing Monday, though Lieut. Gov. Joseph L. Hurley had stated no formal notices on the hearing would be issued. In the absence of the district attorney from his office here, the notification was sent to Mr. Hoban's office in Gardner.

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PARDONING GARDNER

The proposed pardoning, for that is what the phrase "commuting of sentence" actually means—of Henry A. Gardner of this city, now in the Massachusetts state prison serving a term of ten to twelve years for setting the fires which destroyed All Saints Episcopal Church and damaged Pleasant Street Baptist Church in January, 1932, has aroused a wave of protest which is entirely natural.

The explanation of the terrible actions of this man was merely that when he was under the influence of liquor he became possessed by a mania to set fire to buildings. Examination by medical authorities resulted in the decision that Gardner was not insane but responsible for his acts. Evidence of his guilt being entirely adequate, he was convicted by a jury and was given a sentence of ten to twelve years that at the time was considered to be extremely lenient.

Now the Governor's Council is asked by the Governor to so commute, or shorten, the term for which he was sentenced that, under the law, he would be eligible for immediate parole and would be returned to freedom. This would come about after Gardner has served less than four years.

If the question of whether or not he has received sufficient punishment for his act is left out of consideration, what about the danger of releasing a man who when he drinks intoxicating liquor has in the past been unable to withstand a maniacal urge to set fires?

Sympathy for such an unfortunate is natural, but is no sympathy to be reserved for the safety of people whose lives were imperilled by a pyromaniac?

If ever any man needed a severe lesson, it is Gardner, who because of his own actions put himself in such a mental state as to threaten a great city with a devastating conflagration.

Why the suggestion for commutation of sentence was made has not been satisfactorily explained so far as the public knows and the indignant protest that has arisen is entirely warranted.

Common sense, justice and respect for the rights of the public should convince the Governor's Council that Gardner should serve out his sentence.

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Reardon Greets Friends at Medway

New Commissioner of Education in State Visits Old Home After Taking Oath of Office

MILKED COWS TO PAY HIS WAY THROUGH B. C.

MEDWAY, Dec. 20.—"Roddy" Reardon came home last night, 12 years out of Boston College, as the youngest commissioner of education the state—and possibly the country—has ever had.

Hurrying over the road from Adams, the 35-year-old successor to Dr. Payson Smith, returned to the Colonial homestead on Village street—where his parents have lived all their married life—to find the house filled with admiring, enthusiastic friends.

"Commissioner James Gerrard Reardon is here" they shouted gleefully. "Welcome home, Commissioner."

Here, in the quiet town where the Reardons have lived for several generations, he used to arise at 5 o'clock in the morning to milk the cows and do the chores before he went to his classes at Boston College.

Worked for Education

"Roddy" wanted an education and he was willing to work hard for it," his friends said.

They came from Belmont and West Roxbury and Arlington and half a dozen other cities and towns to greet the new commissioner last night. He didn't reach his old home until nearly midnight, but his reception was none the less enthusiastic.

Worn by the flood of phone calls and the constant stream of visitors the new commissioner's 80-year-old father and 78-year-old mother had retired to await his homecoming. Every morning the father, William H. Reardon, goes at 7 o'clock to operate his finishing loom at the Fabry Woolen Mills here. He has done this for 40 years, carrying a lunch with him and working a full eight hours. On the side, to pass away the evenings, the elder Reardon conducts an insurance business.

The mother, Mary Agnes, (McGuinness) Reardon, is in remarkably good health. She, too, comes from a family long resident in Medway.



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Above photo shows Gov. James M. Curley swearing in James G. Reardon of Adams, at the State House yesterday following his appointment as new commissioner of education, replacing former Com. Payson Smith.

Has Three Brothers

One of the commissioner's three brothers, William A. Reardon, a motor vehicles inspector attached to the Framingham branch registry, also lives at the Village street home.

The other brothers are John, agent of the Fabry Mills, who lives in Medway, and Lawrence J., New England manager of the National Carloading Corp., who lives in Millis. The new commissioner is the baby of the family.

Commissioner Reardon's wife and four children are now in Adams—where the commissioner became superintendent of schools last September. Just as soon as he can arrange it, Commissioner Reardon and his family will come here to live at the homestead.

"The door will always be open here—and so will the door on Beadon Hill," he said last night after his arrival. He preferred to make no discussion of his policies until after he has assumed office.

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STATE HIGHWAY POSTS GO TO 15

Clinton Man Among Group
To Handle Takings and
Land Damages

ENGINEERS SHIFTED

Rep. Bowker Claims 'Utter
Disregard' of Civil
Service Rules

By Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Commissioner of Public Works William F. Callahan today announced the appointment of a new staff of 15 men to handle the details of rights-of-way seized for the state in highway and other takings, and details of land damage cases.

The work has been done by 10

engineers of the public works department. These 10 engineers will return to other duties, the Commissioner said.

Among the 15 named was Patrick F. Cannon of 138 Walnut street, Clinton. He will receive \$2160 a year. Reginald J. Murphy of Cambridge, in charge, will receive \$3666. His assistant, Lewis R. Sullivan, a former state representative, will receive \$2940. Most of the others are from Greater Boston.

The appointments were authorized provisionally by the Civil Service Commission.

The move, which some thought might tend to placate legislators and others who have been shrieking about "work and wages," was accounted for by Commissioner Callahan on the ground that his engineering organization needed many of the ten men.

Bowker Protests

Rep. Phillip G. Bowker, Brookline Republican and arch foe of the Governor, attacked the move bitterly, asserting that two of the men were not qualified by engineering experience for the work, that there had been a "clear disregard of civil service and that the procedure was another "outrageous example" of the executive "machine of the commonwealth."

The bulk of the appointees are from Boston and vicinity. The same was true when, a few months ago, inspectors were appointed in the Department of Public Utilities under provisional authority. The appointees may hold jobs until an examination is ordered.

The new unit will operate under direction of E. N. Briggs, right-of-way engineer.

Callahan Statement

The Commissioner said: "The many projects now under way require the change.

"The takings for rights of way will be handled by this group.

"This new group," Callahan said, "has been selected with care and all are experienced."

List of Appointees

Appointed are: John M. Boyle of Winthrop, Henry T. Calman of North Weymouth, Patrick F. Cannon of Clinton, Richard L. Casey of Brookline, Abraham Keller of Boston, Marcus J. Levins of Boston, John F. McLaughlin of Cambridge, Edward J. McGurn of Salem, Henry J. Nicholson of Boston, Joseph H. O'Brien of Boston, Joseph V. Queenan of Lowell, Max Rosenblatt of Malden, Frank J. Sherhan of Peabody, Augustus White of Newton and S. Duncan McCallum of Brookline.

Levins is a former member of the State House of Representatives.

Representative Bowker said: "The appointment is a clear disregard of civil service and also of the regular practice of the department in using engineers on the work. Two of these men, former representatives, Lewis R. Sullivan and Marcus Levins, are certainly not in any sense qualified, from an engineering standpoint, to negotiate or deal with land settlement or damage claims.

"This is only another example of the trampling under foot of the rights of others by the executive machine of the Commonwealth. What about the citizens who have applied for and taken civil service examinations in good faith? The old saying, 'it isn't what you know, but who you know' is certainly applicable to the Curley regime."

Clinton Lawyer Native of Ireland

CLINTON, Dec. 19.—Attorney Patrick F. Cannon was born in Innis Boffin, Ireland, and came to Clinton 65 years ago when he was 10 years old. He attended the Clinton public schools and later graduated from the Bryant and Stratton Business School in Boston and the Boston University School of Law. He has been a practicing attorney in Clinton for the past quarter century and has been engaged in the real estate business here for 45 years.

Mr. Cannon is also prominent in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is a former national vice-president and former state president of the Hibernians in which order he now holds a county office.

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State Fund Bill On Automobile Insurance Filed

Flat Rate Proposed in
Measure Filed by
Rep. Gallagher

ISSUES STATEMENT

Wants Commissioner to
Take Up Fight for
Auto Owners

(Special to The Post)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 20.—A state fund bill, providing for the erection in the state Department of Public Works of a "Massachusetts Automobile Insurance Division" to handle compulsory motor vehicle insurance, was filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives today by Rep. Owen Gallagher of Boston.

The division would be supervised by three directors to be appointed by the Governor. They would be authorized to establish a flat rate for this type of insurance in Massachusetts and the registrar of motor vehicles would, under the terms of the bill, be authorized to collect the premiums.

"If the insurance commissioner is sincere with the automobile owners, he will support my state fund bill, and drive out the insurance companies that are not satisfied with a 50 percent profit on their investments," said Rep. Gallagher.

"It is time the insurance commissioner took up the fight for the over-taxed automobile owners."

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Letters from Readers

O'TOOLE TO GAUTHIER

Councilman Comments on Recent
Letter of Mayor's Secretary

To the Editor of the Telegram:
My Worcester Telegram of Wednesday morning of this week furnished me with some very good reading matter. But the letter of allegation and denial of the often misleading and widely unknown Joseph Gauthier concerning his connections with the James M. Curley Senatorial Club and his support of the candidacy of His Excellency, Governor Curley, for the United States Senate at this time recalled to my mind a very busy and innocent masked reporter of the prohibition era who vultured his news items from his unsuspecting friends.

In the reportorial manner of the masked reporter days, Mr. Gauthier infers there is a mouse bearing his name in the city directory. What an error!! This surely is a matter for him to take up with the census takers and assessors and has no connection with the functions of the James M. Curley Senatorial Club. If Mr. Gauthier was endeavoring to give the public the impression by his reference to the mouse and his allegation that some local ambitious politicians developing tricky habits of a Boston atmosphere had something to do with the mouse being placed in the directory, then I believe he had just cause to display a vindictive mind in the lines of his letter.

A further inference that the meeting held at the Jeffersonian Club last Sunday afternoon was an imaginary one given out to the press for the seducing of poor and innocent reporters is indeed the best laugh of the year. If Mr. Gauthier is not aware of the fact that the reporters who handled the publicity of this meeting were honest it will be a pleasure for me to introduce the gentlemen to him some time. Their honesty is unimpeachable.

Personally, Mr. Editor, I would ignore the Gauthier letter. It clearly warrants it. But in behalf of the honest, sincere and loyal members of the James M. Curley Senatorial Club and the local politicians so "sweetly" referred to by the author of the Wednesday epistle, I inform the public and the over-courteous Mr. Gauthier that the elected treasurer of the Curley for Senate Club answers to the name of Joseph Bauchier, who claims no relationship to Mr. Gauthier, and is widely known throughout Worcester as an honest, sincere, able, and just gentleman who has carried the banner of Democracy for a great many years, which entitles him to bear the title of "Democratic Leader."

In closing, may I state, Mr. Editor, that my surprise was unbounded when I perceived Mr. Gauthier claimed he still has a few friends and that it would take him all week to notify them he has no connection with the James M. Curley Senatorial Club of Worcester. How he can afford to make such long-distanced telephone calls is a surprise to me for I was under the impression there were no known telephone connections with the North and South Poles.

MAURICE V. O'TOOLE,
President, James M. Curley Senatorial Club. Life Member of the Jeffersonian Club.
Worcester, Dec. 19.

HAIGIS FAVORED

As Governor He Would Help the
Farmer, Says Rep. Dole

To the Editor of the Telegram:
Many are presenting themselves or being urged to come forward by certain groups of citizens, as likely candidates for the office of Governor of Massachusetts.

I believe that each candidate should be closely scrutinized as to his qualifications. I do not intend to elaborate on what I believe all of their qualifications should be, but as one interested in the rural people of our state, I am concerned as to the knowledge of the candidate along those lines.

Our agricultural interests are Massachusetts' second largest industry, and should always receive oversight and co-operation from the head of our state government.

John W. Haigis has perhaps never labored as a farmer, but he was brought up knowing what work was, and in recent years has

worked at all times to assist the rural people. For eleven years he served as president of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. At the one time he was president of the Massachusetts Fairs Association. For two years he served as treasurer of the Franklin County Dairy-men's Association. During that time he served as chairman of an arbitration committee, serving the Connecticut Valley, trying to harmonize interests in the dairy industry. At the present time he is a member of the advisory committee, helping to assist and sponsor our Agricultural Extension Service.

I might cite other interests where he has co-operated with rural interests. As a former state representative and senator we know he was ever interested in behalf of the rural people.

If agriculture is to hold its place in Massachusetts, as it should, I feel all rural-minded people should get behind this man, John W. Haigis, and place him in the Governor's chair.

FRED B. DOLE,
Representative First Franklin District.
Shelburne Falls, Dec. 14.

RUFUS B. DODGE

Admirer of Former Mayor Recalls
His Early Activities

To the Editor of the Telegram:
The sad death of former Mayor Dodge brings to mind his activities in the nineties. As a high school student I recall his first candidacy for Mayor.

Mayor Dodge's address to our class of the English High School was one that I have never forgotten. Dr. G. Stanley Hall gave the principal address at our graduation. It was a most scholarly address, but so far over our heads that I do not recall a word of it. When Mayor Dodge spoke to us he said in substance:

"Members of the graduating class. The city of Worcester has given you the best that it has to day in education, but remember, 19 years from now you will be told that the educational theories in force during your day were the rankest mental poison. You have one consolation, however, you were tough enough to survive them."

Had we been given a conventional address I should have carried nothing away, but who could forget "the rankest mental poison"? He was right, too. More than three decades have passed and we have seen those theories criticized as he said they would be, many of them discarded, some revamped and others reinstated.

Rufus B. Dodge was a most attractive man to me. He was Rufus B. Dodge, Jr., then. It had never occurred to me until reading the account of his death that he was the youngest Mayor Worcester had elected up to that time. To a high school boy a man who was rather bald and wore side whiskers (as I believe he did at that time), would hardly have looked young, and he was succeeded by a considerably younger and more youthful appearing man in the person of Philip J. O'Connell.

Since Mr. Dodge's unsuccessful run against John R. Thayer for Congress in 1902, I have not lived where I have heard much about him until his temporary political change in 1928, but I have never forgotten his successful term as Mayor, and have always regarded him as an outstanding character. Worcester was fortunate in having such a citizen for half a century.

LEWIS S. RECORD,
East Jaffrey, N. H., Dec. 18.

REAPPOINTING OFFICIALS

To the Editor of the Telegram:
The Telegram this morning quotes remarks by a member of the City Government. Those remarks indicate a tendency to rate public officials and their "reappointability" by their willingness to hand favors to the favored. May I inquire as to whether the assessors are kept in office because they tax the home of a city official an amount equal to about two weeks' salary, while at the same time they tax the homes of workers seven or eight weeks of their pay?

C. W. KINNEY,
Worcester, Dec. 19.

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TAKES FIGHT ON WPA TO FARLEY

Governor Curley Warns of
'Riots and Bloodshed'
Unless Help Paid

WRITES TO HOPKINS

Sums Up Rotch's State
Administration as an
'Abject Failure'

By Telegram State House Reporter
BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Governor Curley today went straight to the master of patronage in Roosevelt administration, Postmaster James A. Farley, in his drive on the Massachusetts WPA and Administrator Arthur G. Rotch.

In a stiff letter to Administrator Harry A. Hopkins, following a telephone conversation with Postmaster Farley, who, he said, gave assurances that the matter would receive Presidential attention, the Governor said there was "possibility of riots and bloodshed unless persons employed under the Works Progress Administration receive their wages prior to Christmas."

The Governor charged that the fault lies "directly with the official in charge, whose administration of the office may be summed up in the single phrase—abject failure."

For several days, with little cessation, the Governor has hammered at Rotch and his administration.

The Governor sent Hopkins the following letter:

"There is a possibility of riots and bloodshed unless persons employed under the Works Progress Administration receive their wages prior to Christmas.

"I beg to direct your attention more particularly to the case of women and men—citizens of Lowell—to the number of three thousand, who have received no pay since Nov. 21 and are naturally resentful and whose resentment may find expression in some stronger form than verbal protest. What is true in the case of Lowell is true in the case of Wakefield, where the employees have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other cities in the state the same condition prevails.

"The attempt to excuse a failure to so conduct the activities of this department as to meeting obligations of this character upon the ground of the enormity of the task is stupid for the reason that a sufficient number of competent clerical help is always available. The fault does not lie altogether in the system, rather does it lie directly with the official in charge whose administration of office may be summed up in the single phrase—'abject failure.'"

Rotch Says Workers Will Receive Pay

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—WPA Administrator Arthur P. Rotch said tonight that all money for all payrolls closing five days before Christmas would be in the hands of WPA workers in time for the holidays. The workers are paid every two weeks.

All administrative employees, Rotch added, were working overtime to prepare payrolls before the deadline.

Earlier in the week, Aubrey Williams, first assistant to Hopkins, said in Boston that the same delay in meeting payrolls existed all over the country. He said a new simplified system of payment was being installed whereby entire payrolls would not be delayed because individual items were incorrect.

Williams praised the conduct of Rotch's office.

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By Telegram State House Reporter
BOSTON, Dec. 19.—To the accompaniment of criticism directed at Insurance Commissioner Francis J. DeCelles, Rep. Owen Gallagher of Boston filed a bill in the House this afternoon to establish a state fund for compulsory automobile insurance. The bill also asks that a flat rate be decreed.

The bill provides for a board of three, to be appointed by the Governor, to administer the fund.

"This is my answer—a state fund—to the great alarm sounded by the insurance commissioner that the poor insurance companies would be put out of business as a result of the Supreme Court's decision on guest riders," Gallagher said.

"He told the public that the guest clause policy would cost only \$3.25. Have the insurance companies lived up to the promise? No. The auto owner is now paying \$4.25, an increase of \$1, which means one million extra for the insurance companies on the million cars which will be registered in 1936," Gallagher added.

Governor Curley will spend tomorrow and Friday at his home working on his annual message to the Legislature. In announcing that he would not be at the State House for two days, the Governor said he had canceled all appointments.

A bill to force announcement of decisions by District Court justices within 60 days was filed in the Legislature this afternoon by Senator Walter L. Conditine of New Bedford. Under existing law there is no time limit. His purpose is to speed court work.

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REARDON UPHOLDS TEACHER'S OATH

New Education Head Is Sworn in by Curley

By Telegram State House Reporter
BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Sworn into office today by Governor Curley, Commissioner of Education James G. Reardon, until recently superintendent of the Adams schools, upheld the teacher's oath requirement, as a law, and said he saw no reason why any educator should object to oath obligating him to a performance of clear duty. As he retired, Commissioner Smith thanked "the thousands of

school officials, teachers and citizens, who had given him and the department support. He also thanked newspapers for co-operation and expressed appreciation of the service of the State Board of Education members.

"I want to say," said the Governor to Mr. Reardon, "that I wish you every success in the office to which you have been appointed. I believe the education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours.

"If we were all to drop dead tomorrow, other men and women would take our places, who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the education department as well as any other place.

"You have a real responsibility, and I am confident you will discharge it.

"We sometimes kid ourselves that we are indispensable. I repeat,

there is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

By Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Several members of the State Advisory Board of Education met with A. Lincoln Filene tonight and reportedly discussed the replacement of Commissioner of Education Payson Smith by James G. Reardon, Adams school superintendent, under a recent appointment by Governor Curley.

In answer to questions concerning the meeting and a report that it was actuated by dissatisfaction over Smith's replacement, it was said at the home of Mr. Filene, a member of the board, that there was "nothing to say concerning the matter."

It was earlier reported that dissatisfaction on the part of some had reached a stage where resignations from the board were threatened.

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TOWNSENDITE SEES CURLEY'S DEFEAT

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A Boston newspaper, in a copyrighted story, says Charles M. Hawks, Massachusetts' manager of the Townsend Pension Plan Club, predicted Gov. James M. Curley would not be nominated for the United States Senate.

"We have 30,000 registered Townsend Club members in Massachusetts," the paper quotes him as

saying, "and we have ten times that many signers of pledges. That makes 300,000 votes."

Referring to Curley's avowed plan of running for the Senate, the paper quotes Hawks as saying: "Curley won't get by the primaries. Every time he goes on the air and talks for Roosevelt's pauper-pension plan, he licks himself. A year ago we had 45 clubs in Massachusetts and now we have 154 clubs."

"I believe Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal will be repudiated by a tremendous degree in this state."

Outside of Addis Ababa, there are no roads for wheeled traffic in Ethiopia. Transport is by mules, donkeys, pack-horses and camels.

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Curley to Direct Roosevelt Day Ball

Notification of his appointment as honorary chairman of the Massachusetts committee for the President Roosevelt birthday ball January 30, was received today by Governor Curley.

The appointment was made by Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the national committee.

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CONROY SEEKS LONG LEAVE

Subject to the approval of the attorney-general, the state industrial accident board today unanimously approved the request of Commissioner William S. Conroy of Fall River for leave of absence during the 1936 session of the Legislature.

Conroy, a state senator, proposes to serve out his term in the Legislature. He was appointed to the industrial accident board by Governor Curley and was sworn in at the end of the last session.

The full board asks the attorney-general to give an opinion on the legality of the proposed leave. The salary of the commissioner is \$6000 a year. That of senator \$2000.

Under the terms of the workmen's compensation act members of the industrial accident board are required to give full time service.

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THE SENATOR SAYS: The Judge Experts Don't Know How To Spend!

Judicial Commission Has \$1500 of Its \$5000; Hagan Seeks Fish Job

THE SENATOR:

He sees all and knows all that's going on in Massachusetts politics and most of it he finds amusing or amazing, often both. Best of all, he tells about it.

Meet him below and listen in with him regularly in the Boston Evening American and Boston Sunday Advertiser.

"Timmy," says The Senator, "I will have a ginger ale with nothing therein but ice."

Timmy seems very hard of hearing, so The Senator says this again like before, only louder.

"I heard you the first time, Senator," says Timmy. "I just wanted witnesses."

The boys do not say they will have the same. In fact, the boys do not say anything on account of what the doctors call being in a state of shock, and before they can recover Timmy has set up nine ginger ales with nothing in them but ice. Timmy is the only one who considers this a handsome joke.

"Boys," says The Senator, "I have some hot news off the griddle. I have just come from the Parker House, and who do you suppose was holding a secret meeting in the Parker House, of all places to hold a secret meeting? Nobody else but the legislative commis-



THE SENATOR

sion investigating the state judicial system.

"The ten members of the commission are starting to get their report ready and expect to file it in about two weeks. It

has been overdue since the third of the month because the members are not any nearer agreement on some points than they were when they began their studies in October.

"There are three Democratic legislators on the commission and four Republican legislators, and three appointees of Governor Jim.

Agree on Rotating Judges

"As I get it they are about unanimously agreed to recommend the circuit court rotating system for lower court judges, and to turn thumbs down on six-man juries. But there is a wide split on the question of appointing more Superior Court judges, of which Governor Jim would like ten.

"There will be a minority report filed on this matter unless the vote is a tie, at five to five. What I am predicting, however, is that the commission will report six to four favoring more Superior Court judges, although maybe not ten more. Whatever happens, the split is such that the subject will be battled on the Hill this winter with the Republicans very much opposed to the plan of a Democratic Governor appointing any more Superior Court judges at all . . . Timmy, another ginger ale all around.

"All of the members of the commission, including young Charlie Innes, Phil Sherman and Paul McDonald, are looking in good health, even in secret, and they are going very light on the expenses to the taxpayers, which is an unusual consideration. They had \$5000 to spend in the first place and, believe it or not, they still have \$1500 left after hiring a clerk for \$1000.

"Timmy, I call it much to the credit of the commission that they did not go to Florida to study the six-man jury system and that they stopped in \$4 rooms in the New Yorker while in New York for nearly a week . . . The same.

"I have it straight that Jimmy Hagan, retiring mayor of Somerville, is hot after Ray Kenney's fish and game commissioner's job, and that Senator Scanlon, the Democratic floor leader, and the three Somerville representatives have seen Governor Jim about this. The appointment is for three years and the salary is \$5000, which is a lot of trout. I do not know if Governor Jim thinks the man in the job has done a good job. It looks to me like another reappointment.

Nice Little Miami Trip

"Tommy Green, the new civil service commissioner, will absorb a little Miami sunshine in company with Judge Fuchs along about the middle of next month, and Jimmy O'Neil, chief examiner in the civil service, will be acting head of the department.

"Speaking of Judge Fuchs, who do you suppose has been appointed on a temporary basis to assist him on the state unemployment compensation commission? Jimmy Tobin, brother of School Committee man Maurice, whose name you may have seen in the papers recently.

"The plan, as I get it, is to give Jimmy a non-competitive examination before the civil service commission for permanent appointment as assistant secretary to the compensation commission . . . Once more around, Timmy.

"Jimmy and Johnny Aspell were the also-rans in the race with Teddy Glynn for the Roxbury court clerkship. And, by the way, Teddy Glynn has been bitten by the mayoralty bug again.

"And do not ask me anything more about the mayoralty until you see what happens in the present school committee investigation."

The Senator finishes his last ginger ale and all the boys are very glad for once that The Senator finishes his last drink.

"Timmy," says The Senator, "you have been very quiet today. I do not understand it. I guess I will be getting along."

"Wait a minute, Senator," says Timmy, "you are not quite yourself so I will call a cab and have some of the boys take you home."

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Curley, Hultman Discuss Highway

Governor Curley and Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman of the Metropolitan district commission today conferred over the projected new highway to the top of the Blue Hills reservation to cost about \$700,000.

The governor said that it is planned to have the state build the road without federal help for the purpose of giving employment to men not necessarily on the welfare lists.

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CURLEY URGES MORE ECONOMY

Departmental economies were discussed today at a conference between Governor Curley and heads of state units.

The Governor, in calling today's meeting for the purpose of incorporating economy recommendations in his message on New Year's Day to the incoming legislature, several days ago warned the various commissioners to be ready with suggestions.

Prior to the conference, the Governor directed Chairman Charles P. Howard of the state commission on administration and finance, to inform all department heads the Christmas holidays for state employees will start at noon Tuesday. Only a skeleton force will be on hand to take care of necessary state business.

The Governor expressed the desire that no Christmas celebrations be held in any state office during office hours prior to noon Tuesday.

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Curley Drafts / Annual Message

Cancelling all engagements for today and tomorrow, Governor Curley is remaining at home to prepare his message to the Legislature at the opening of the 1936 session. He will not be at the State House until Monday.

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HAPPY TRIO
—William H. Reardon is mighty proud of his son, James G. Reardon, former superintendent of schools in Adams, who succeeded Payson Smith as State Commissioner of Education. And just as proud is his loyal young wife, Mrs. James G. Reardon, who has helped him up the ladder of success.



WILLIAM H. REARDON MRS. JAMES G. REARDON

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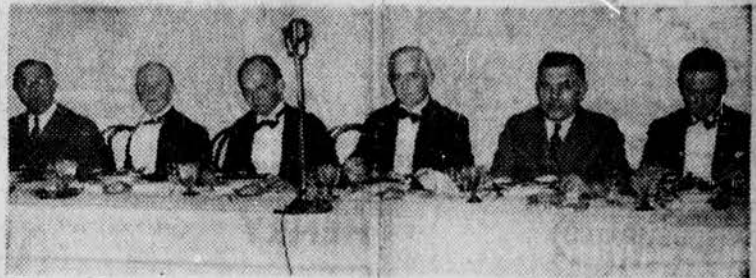
FRIENDS HAIL KANE

Furniture Executive Dined

Praises of more than 100 friends, including many executives of other firms, were still ringing in the ears of Harry Kane, president of the Kane Furniture Company, today

Curley and extended his congratulations at the spread of 15 Kane stores throughout New England.

Other speakers included Frank Houlihan, toastmaster; M. W. Bliss, Arthur Stone, Arthur Stern,



More than 100 friends greeted Harry Kane, president of the Kane Furniture Company, at testimonial dinner held at the Copley-Plaza. Among those present were Ben Elfman, M. W. Bliss, Arthur Stone, Arthur Stern, Frank Houlihan, Harry Kane and Joe Burk.

after a testimonial dinner tendered him in honor of his birthday.

The event was held in the Swiss room of the Copley-Plaza and the guest of honor was presented with a golden key, symbolic of the key of the new office that friends and associates furnished for him.

Ralph Kahn, Jack Cremmen and other friends and executives of the Kane organization.

Theodore Glynn, former fire commissioner and present Roxbury court clerk, represented Governor

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1200 WPA Men Face Layoff

SOMERVILLE OUT OF FUNDS

Approximately 1200 Somerville WPA workers will be discharged at the close of work today and the remaining 1000 tomorrow for lack of city funds to purchase materials.

The third special meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen in as many days will be held tonight, according to Mayor Hagan, in an attempt to get the projects going again.

Checks Monday

Meanwhile, State Administrator Arthur G. Rotch today ordered all WPA payroll clerks in Massachusetts to work Saturday and Sunday so every unpaid worker would receive his check Monday.

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At the same time, he made public a letter from J. Henry Morgan, engineer in charge of WPA Wakefield projects, citing the "absolute collapse of the payroll audit division" at WPA headquarters.

The letter declared that 3000 WPA workers in Wakefield have received only two days' pay since November 20.

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Others said they have not been paid for a month, with the complaints running all the way down to pay one week overdue. As a long line of mumbling men waited at the paymaster's office in Cambridge, one fainted. Officials offered him a glass of water.

His Need Is Food

Those in the line growled: "What he needs is food. So do we."

The worker's name was given as John R. McCarthy, of Banks street, Cambridge. He said he was the father of five children, and that he had not been paid for five weeks.

Similar reports came in from Somerville, where 2200 workers are threatened with a lay-off, and from many other cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

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Curley Hits Rotch on Pay Delay

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Governor to See Shucco-McCoy Bout

Tony Adopts Crouch for N. E. Title Defense

By Sam Cohen

Governor James M. Curley and his party will occupy box 44 at the Garden tonight when Tony Shucco defends his New England light-heavy and heavy weight championships against Al McCoy in a 12-round bout for the Boston Evening American and Boston Sunday Advertiser Christmas Basket Fund.

Phil Buccola and Dan Carroll, co-managers of Shucco, have already signed with Rip Valenti of the Goodwin A. C. for a bout between Shucco and Jack Sharkey, but the contract won't be worth the flame to burn it if McCoy belts over Shucco.

Jack Sharkey bought a block of tickets for this show with the sole purpose of helping the Xmas Fund.

Tickets can be obtained for tonight's championship classic at the Goodwin A. C. downtown headquarters, 293 Washington street, room 33 (telephone Capitol 5655).

as well as the Boston Garden, North Station (Capitol 3200).

Mike Jacobs, promoter for the Twentieth Century Boxing Club, has wired the managers of McCoy, Barney Fox and Jim Brennan, an offer for McCoy to box John Henry Lewis, light-heavyweight champion of the world, if Al wins tonight.

McCoy also has received an offer from Jack Bell, sporting editor of the Miami News, to box Joe Knight in the wonder city.

Shucco will adopt a new style for McCoy tonight. Usually a stand up fighter, Shucco will come out boxing from a crouch, weaving and shooting punches at McCoy's body.

Phil Buccola turned down an offer of \$5000 for Johnny Rossi's contract from a syndicate of fight managers in Atlantic City, where Rossi start 1 out as a fighter. Rossi meets Frankie Britt of Fall River in the ten-round semifinal tonight. This should be a terrific battle.

With Joe Louis a cinch to be heavyweight champion of the world by next year, "White Hopes" of to-

morrow will be found on the preliminary bill, which features such heavyweights as Matty Bloom of Revere against Jimmy Ostall of Canada, and Dick Hogan of Charlestown, Golden Glove champion, against Eddie Gates of Pittsfield.

Tony Shucco will be feted at the Club Chesterfield after the bout.

Benny Ginsburg, Major Domo of the Club Mayfair, who has been playing Santa Claus for every worthy cause, is another who bought up a block of tickets for the Shucco-McCoy title affair.

Irish Jimmy O'Boyne of Bangor, Me., who appears in a six-round bout with Joe Ricciotti of the North End, another budding star, packs a wicked K. O. punch.

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FOUR PROJECTS COSTING \$1,769,000 APPROVED

Four Emergency Finance Board projects calling for the expenditure of \$1,769,000 were signed yesterday by Gov Curley.

The projects are additions and alterations to the Middlesex County Hospital in Lexington and Waltham, \$725,000; new High School in Andover, \$539,000; nurses' home at Norfolk Hospital, \$100,000, and High School at Swampscott, \$405,000.

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report to be filed Dec 31 with the Legislature. Another executive meeting will be held Monday.

CURLEY DENIES PLAN TO RETIRE ELDERLY JUDGES

Gov Curley said yesterday that rumors he intended to retire Supreme Court judges who have passed the age of 70 had been called to his attention, but that the reports did not originate with him.

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CURLEY WANTS \$750,000 FOR BLUE HILL ROAD

After a conference with Metropolitan District Commissioner Hultman yesterday afternoon, Gov Curley announced that he would ask the Legislature for about \$750,000 to build a road over the top of Great Blue Hill.

He said the project would provide jobs for men who need the work but are not on the welfare rolls. W. P. A. projects, the Governor pointed out, must draw their workers from the welfare rolls, and there is no provision under the W. P. A. to care for those who have managed to stay off relief.

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LETTER SUPPORTS GOV CURLEY IN ROW

Wakefield Engineer Says Workers in W. P. A. There Without Pay

Gov Curley today released through his office at the State House a letter from the town of Wakefield, criticizing the administration of the W. P. A. there, to support his bitter criticism yesterday of the breakdown of the W. P. A. in Massachusetts.

Administrator Rotch last night replied to the Governor's criticism of the failure of the W. P. A. to meet its payrolls with the announcement that all the payroll obligations of the W. P. A. to 120,000 workers throughout the state will be met before Christmas.

Taking up the cudgels again today, however, the Governor, although not present at the State House, ordered his secretary, Edmond Hoy, to make public a letter received today from J. Henry Morgan, engineer in charge of W. P. A. projects in Wakefield.

In the letter, the charge is made that most of the 400 persons employed on W. P. A. projects have been without pay for the last four weeks.

"W. P. A. activities started in Wakefield on Nov 20," the letter says, "and on that date 300 men were put to work on two sidewalk projects. After working for over two weeks, these men received on Dec 7, two days' pay, which amounted to \$6.50 per man."

"Since that time these men have been without wages. All attempts that have been made, which included conversation with Mr Rotch and with Mr Sawyer of the payroll audit division, in which I urged these men to do something to alleviate the terrible want induced by the utter collapse of the W. P. A. in Massachusetts, have proven abortive."

"In addition to the projects referred to above, we have three other projects on which men started work Nov 20. The men on these three projects have never received a penny in wages. I am aware that your excellency has done everything humanly possible to alleviate the inhuman conditions produced by the absolute breakdown of the relief program in Massachusetts, and for this you have the gratitude of the masses who are depending on the government's bounty for the stipend they receive as wages. I am very grateful for your excellency's interest in this matter."

TO TRANSFER SOMERVILLE WORKERS IN W. P. A.

Byrle J. Osborn, district director of the W. P. A. for Middlesex County, speaking this forenoon concerning the situation that has arisen at Somerville where today 2600 women and men workers on W. P. A. projects found themselves without work because of the failure of the Somerville Aldermen to appropriate the necessary \$75,000, said that every effort will be made speedily to transfer the workers to projects in other cities and towns of the county.

Director Osborn said that it is the obligation of the W. P. A. to see that the needy are cared for and in order that they will not suffer they will be given work on projects elsewhere within the district as quickly as possible.

The federal government is ready to pay the workers their share of the money, but the city of Somerville will not benefit from the work of the W. P. A. employees if they are taken off the Somerville projects.

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BOWKER CRITICIZES APPOINTMENT OF 15

Says Callahan Ignored Civil Service List

A special group of 15 negotiators in state land damage cases was appointed by Commissioner William F. Callahan of the State Department of Public Works yesterday.

They will work in the office of E. N. Briggs, right-of-way engineer, and 10 engineers will be transferred from that office to other departments, Callahan said.

Declaring the 15 appointments a "clear disregard of the Civil Service and also of the regular practice of the department in using engineers for this work," Representative Bowker of Brookline took Commissioner Callahan to task for appointing the men.

"The old saying, 'It isn't what you know, but who you know,' is certainly applicable to the Curley regime," Bowker remarked.

"Two of these men I know well," he continued, "and certainly they are not in any sense qualified from an engineering standpoint to negotiate or deal with land settlement or damage claims. They are Sullivan and Levins."

"This is only another outrageous example of the trampling under foot of the rights of others by the executive machine of the state. What about the citizens who have taken the Civil Service examinations in good faith, expecting fair treatment when opportunities arise for appointment? Well, they are just plain out of luck."

"The present subdivision handling this work has rendered good service," said Mr Callahan, "but our engineering organization is in need of many of those engineers who have, up to the present time, been engaged in right-of-way work."

Besides the 15 negotiators at \$2160 a year, Callahan appointed Reginald J. Murphy, 140 Otis st, Cambridge, general right-of-way agent at \$3660 and Lewis R. Sullivan, 108 Holmes av, Dorchester, assistant general right-of-way agent at \$2940.

The newly appointed negotiators are:

John M. Boyle, Winthrop; Henry T. Callahan, North Weymouth; Patrick F. Cannon, Clinton; Richard L. Casey, Brookline; Abraham Keller, Dorchester; Marcus J. Levins, Dorchester; John F. McLaughlin, Cambridge; Edward J. McGurn, Salem; Joseph H. Nicholson, Dorchester; Joseph H. O'Brien, Boston; Joseph V. Queenan, Lowell; Max Rosenblatt, Malden; Frank J. Sheeran, Peabody; Augustus White, Newton Center; S. Duncan McCallum, Brookline.

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REARDON BACKS TEACHERS' OATH

New State Education Head

Praised by Curley

Women Voters Protest
Hasty Confirmation

In the presence of about 100 friends, James G. Reardon, 36-year-old school superintendent of Adams, was sworn in yesterday as Commissioner of Education by Gov Curley. Dr Payson Smith, Reardon's predecessor, was not present.

"I know that the education and training of your predecessor in office," said the Governor, addressing Reardon after the oath had been administered, "was no better than yours.

"If we were to drop dead tomorrow, other men better qualified than ourselves would step forward to fill our positions. We are making the greatest mistake we ever could make when we regard ourselves or anyone else as indispensable. No one is indispensable. Every time we think that the retirement of a certain individual is a calamity, we find that a better man comes along to take the job."

Commissioner Reardon announced that his "interests from now on will be to uphold the high standards which have made Massachusetts conspicuous in the field of education.

"I shall be ready to do everything in my power to further adult education, to maintain and, if possible, improve the standing of state schools, and to do everything possible to secure employment for the young men and women citizens of Massachusetts who are qualified for teaching positions.

"Regarding the oath—at the present the law of the state is that the teachers should take this oath. The General Court of Massachusetts has decided that at present such an oath is necessary. As long as the law made by the General Court exists, there is no question about the duty of any educator who is a law-abiding citizen. Those citizens who feel that the oath is not necessary can have recourse to the constitutional method of changing the law.

"Concerning the necessity of this law at present, that depends on the facts which seemed to justify the General Court in passing this law, and the ability as well as the willingness of educational authorities to handle the situation without the aid of special legislation.

"Concerning the observance of the law itself, I can see no objection to any educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the performance of what is a clear duty—an oath similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials in the state."

Mrs Helen G. Rotch, Legislative chairman, and Mrs Edward K. Nash, chairman of the Civil Service committee of the League of Women Voters, said they would try to learn from Lieut Gov Hurley today why the Governor's Council confirmed Reardon under suspension of the rules.

Ordinarily a confirmation is put over for a week. The women said they considered the suspension of rules made it impossible for the public to express its opinion.

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HEARING MONDAY ON PAROLE FOR GARDNER

A public hearing of the pardons committee of the Governor's Council is expected on Monday morning to permit protests by those who oppose the proposed commutation of sentence of Henry A. Gardner of Worcester, now serving 10 to 12 years for maliciously burning a building in Worcester.

The commutation to a term of 4 to 12 years would make Gardner eligible for parole on Christmas Day. This is opposed by clergymen and church members from Worcester. Pointing out that approval of commutation was supported by the unanimous recommendations of "every official connected with the penal department and with corrections," the Governor said that, upon hearing of the reports of protests, he had decided to ask the pardons committee to call a public hearing.

Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, a member of the Council's committee on pardons, has already announced his opposition to commutation. The other members of the committee are Lieut Gov Joseph L. Hurley, Councilors Daniel H. Coakley, Joseph B. Grossman and James L. Brennan.

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CURLEY TO ATTEND OLD FOLKS' PARTY

Volunteers of America to
Give 300 Baskets

A Christmas party for old folks at the Volunteers of America headquarters, 25 Hanover st. Tuesday afternoon, will be presided over by Gov Curley, who will hand out the first of 300 Christmas baskets.

Tuesday evening 200 members of the Unemployed Mens' Club will be entertained at dinner and each will receive a gift from P. A. O'Connell, president of Slattery's, Inc. A Christmas tree and party for resident mothers and children in Theodore House has also been arranged.

Toys, baskets and clothing will be distributed to prisoners' families by the Volunteers' Prison League. Christmas dinners will be provided for families in need and new shoes will be given to shoeless children.

Taking part in Tuesday afternoon's party will be Lieut Gov Joseph Hurley, P. A. O'Connell, Joseph E. Warner, Walter V. McCarthy, Emil Fuchs, Richard E. Johnston, Mrs Margaret O'Reardon, Mrs Mary MacNeil, William H. Taylor, chairman, and the board of directors.

Sponsors for the old people's party include Mis Mary Sawyer, Mrs Miner H. Evans, Mrs Loring Marshall, Mrs William H. Blood, Mrs Frederick P. Cole, Mrs William H. Stanwood, Mrs John d'Este, Mrs Merle Saunders, Mrs Paul V. Bacon, Mrs Waldo Elliott

Col and Mrs Walter Duncan are directing the Christmas activities. Pratt and Mrs Ernest A. McGuire.

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W. P. A. TO PAY BEFORE HOLIDAY

Checks for Thousands Monday and Tuesday

Every one of the 120,000 W. P. A. workers in Massachusetts whose pay period ends not later than tonight is to receive all overdue and current wages before Christmas, State W. P. A. Administrator Arthur G. Rotch announced last night.

Mr Rotch ordered directors of the six W. P. A. districts to place every available employe in their payroll divisions and work all day tomorrow and Sunday preparing time sheets for submission to the Treasury Department Monday morning.

Staff Doubled

A double staff is being installed in the Treasury division at the Park Square Building so that time sheets may be recorded and checks issued for thousands of workers Monday and Tuesday.

Rotch ordered that extreme care be taken by timekeepers and employes in district offices. If a mistake is made it cannot be rectified in time to make up pay to the workers before Christmas, he said.

System Simplified

Under the system which caused so much delay in payments throughout the state during the past three weeks an entire payroll had to be rejected if one mistake existed on a complete time sheet. On orders of Harry L. Hopkins this procedure, which was part of the national system of accounting, has been dropped and only individuals will lose out where mistakes are made. Rotch said.

Workers whose pay periods end later than tonight cannot possibly be paid before Christmas, Rotch said, because it will take at least two days to clear a time sheet through the state office, even working every available employe hours overtime.

Curley Warns Hopkins

Shortly after Administrator Rotch ordered arrangements to be made for paying as many workers as possible Monday and Tuesday, Gov Curley made public a letter to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal relief administrator, warning him that there will be riots and bloodshed in Massachusetts unless W. P. A. workers are paid before Christmas.

He cited recent disturbances of W. P. A. workers whose pay was long overdue.

Hopkins in Washington early this week announced that all W. P. A. workers in the country would be paid in full by Christmas. Officials at W. P. A. headquarters said evidently Gov Curley had failed to read or hear of the Hopkins' message.

In his letter to Hopkins, Gov Curley declared, "The fault does not lie altogether in the system, rather does it lie directly with the official in charge whose administration of the office may be summed up in the single phrase, abject failure."

Cities, Towns May Lose Out

Warning that cities and towns in Middlesex and Norfolk counties, and all of Suffolk County except Boston (district 2 of the W. P. A.), will lose their projects if local political squabes are allowed to interfere with work relief, was issued last night by Byrle J. Osborn, director of this district.

Citing the case of Everett as an example, Osborn said the officials of that city had agreed to purchase materials and equipment for projects and then failed to keep their agreements, forcing discharge of more than 500 workers. Osborn had made arrangements to remove every one of these workers to farm-to-market road and roadside beautification projects in Middlesex towns before the Board of Aldermen, in a special meeting, authorized expenditure of money for their own city.

The same situation exists in Somerville, he said. Unless the Aldermen approve funds there for materials and equipment, all the workers will be taken care of on projects in other cities and towns.

In this way the needy people will still be provided with work and paid by the Federal Government, but the cities which fail to keep their agreements will lose the benefit of the work done by their citizens.

Everett Workers Back Today

It is expected that all the discharged W. P. A. workers in Everett will be back on their regular projects this morning. It will be very easy for them to make up lost time during the two week pay period, Osborn said.

Osborn also warned that some towns are running over the allowed expenditures and declared the Federal Government will not be responsible for any bills contracted over the amount allotted.

Most of the overdue payrolls to W. P. A. workers are now disbursed throughout the state, and it is the administrative workers who are still unpaid, it was learned last night. Several hundred men and women, who have worked many hours overtime in the effort to get the relief workers paid are still without money, and many of them have three and four weeks pay due them.

Every effort is being made to pay the administrative workers before Christmas, as well as the relief workers.

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Our Mail Bag

No Authority for Board To Speak for Federation

To the Editor of The Herald:

When the board of directors of an association organized to further high ideals in education becomes the mouthpiece of James M. Curley's political machine, it is time to do something. At least, a few inquiries are in order. By what constitutional right does the board of directors speak for 21,000 members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation? Was a poll taken to learn the views of the member units? Just what was meant by the phrase "Curley 'expected' it?" Being a teacher, I am interested in the meaning of the quotation marks surrounding "expected."

If the aim of the association is to curry political favor, it should be so stated in the constitution (changing constitutions isn't difficult these days). If the goal we are to work for as educators is to make teachers "solid with the gang," we are to be congratulated. Curleyism now has the "official" sanction of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation. . . .

MIRIAM DELANO MANNING.

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MOTOR TRUCK CLUB AT ANNUAL DINNER

An urgent plea for support of the motor carriers' act and government regulation of the trucking industry was presented last night by John L. Rogers, director of the motor carrier bureau of the Interstate Commerce Commission, at the 16th annual dinner and meeting of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts at the Copley Plaza.

Other speakers were Atty.-Gen. Paul Dever, representing Gov. Curley; Percy Arnold of Providence, representing the American Trucking Association; and John F. Curran, vice-president of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts. The toastmaster for the evening was Francis Barrett, president of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts. E. C. Benway, manager of the club, was in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

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HEARING CALLED IN FIREBUG CASE

Pardon Protests Will Be
Heard on Monday in
Worcester Case

CURLEY ATTACKS CHURCH ATTITUDE

In his capacity as chairman of the executive council's committee on pardons, Lt.-Gov. Joseph L. Hurley yesterday announced that a public hearing would be held Monday morning on Gov. Curley's recommendation that commutation of sentence be given Henry A. Gardner, confessed pyromaniac serving a term of 10 to 12 years in state prison.

Announcement of the Governor's proposal to arrange an immediate parole for Gardner provoked vigorous protests in Worcester where his firebug activities created a reign of terror that was not ended until he was apprehended after setting a fire that destroyed All Saints Episcopal Church.

CHURCH MEMBERS PROTEST

Members of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, damaged by one of Gardner's incendiary fires, adopted a resolution protesting against any extension of clemency to him at this time.

The Governor himself protested against the procedure of "church dignitaries" in objecting to extending mercy to a first offender. "If a protest," he said, "is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all that it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

He predicted that the council would accept his recommendation for clemency to the Worcester firebug who has served less than four years of his sentence.

Councillor Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, after inspecting all the records on Gardner, said he could find nothing to recommend any approval by him of voting to extend clemency in this particular case.

SCHUSTER TO ACT

Councillor Winfield A. Schuster of East Douglas said he would make a personal investigation of Gardner's record. This move is based upon protests made by members of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church who believe that Gardner has not been

punished enough for the manner in which he terrorized the west side of Worcester.

According to the Rev. Richard Greeley Preston, rector of All Saints Church, no organized protest on the part of the church members against Gardner's release is being contemplated at this time. The Rev. Mr. Preston said that the latter was primarily one of protection for the community, rather than for All Saints Church, and that if Gardner is to be released, it must be established beyond any doubt that he is not a confirmed pyro-maniac.

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TOWNSENDITES WARN CURLEY

Declare He Is Doomed to
Defeat for Backing
Roosevelt Plan

CLAIM 300,000 MEMBERS IN STATE

An analysis of Gov. Curley's vote in the last election shows that, even if he maintained his 1934 popularity with the ordinary voters, the Townsend clubs of Massachusetts would swing enough votes to defeat him for any state office in 1936, declared Charles M. Hawks, state Townsend club manager, yesterday.

In answer to Gov. Curley's speaking campaign in favor of the national social security act, Hawks declared the Governor's speeches hostile to Townsendism were largely responsible for the fact that the state now leads the East in the number of new members each week.

SAYS 300,000 IN STATE

"Every time Curley speaks we get 2500 new paid-up members," said Hawks, who is the father of Frank Hawks, aviator. "Curley was elected Governor by only a little more than 100,000 votes. Supposing he held his strength next election with the ordinary voters, it would take only a little more than 50,000 Townsend votes swung to the rival candidate to retire him permanently for public office."

"At present, we already have 300,000 signers to petitions in this state favoring the Townsend bill. If only half of them went to the polls, we would have three times enough votes to dispose of Curley, and, thanks to Curley's speaking campaign against us, we are growing at the rate of more than 2500 paid-up members every week."

Hawks said that Representative Joseph E. Casey of Clinton, and Representative William P. Connery, Jr., of Lynn were the only two Massachusetts members of a congressional bloc of 101 who had promised to vote for the Townsend bill. Neither Massachusetts senator has declared himself yet, he said.

SAYS 3,000,000 ENROLLED

Hawks, who vouched for figures which, however, an observer could not prove or disprove, said the movement was growing most rapidly in the sections where the press was most hostile and had developed the most effective propaganda machine in the history of the world. He said more than 3,000,000 Americans had paid initiation fees of 25 cents each and were meeting, through their clubs, monthly quotas of 10 cents per capita. Their national newspaper claims a circulation of 2,500,000.

To support his claim that Gov. Curley's hostility to Townsendism had helped to Townsendism, Hawks released figures for new members enrolled in 11 eastern states last week, showing 17 Massachusetts organizers had enrolled 2535 persons, leading every state. Four states, Maine, Delaware, Maryland and Rhode Island, reported no new members.

The figures for the other states were: Connecticut, 181; New Hampshire, 86; New Jersey, 814; New York, 1120; Pennsylvania, 2247; Vermont, 253.

Hawks said California and Ohio were the only states in the nation which had led Massachusetts in gain since the Curley campaign for the social security act began.

CITES GAIN IN LOWELL

"Of course, the Governor may be planning to retire permanently from public life at the end of his present term," said Hawks. "Or he may be planning to exercise a politician's privilege of doing an about-face on the proposition."

"But if he continues his speaking program for Mme. Secretary Perkins's so-called social security act he will most certainly double our membership in Massachusetts and, at the same time, blow a hole in the ground big enough so that he can crawl in and pull the State House after him."

Hawks said that as a result of a newspaper campaign against Townsendism in Lowell, he had succeeded in starting clubs in 20 precincts. He said every congressional district now had an organizer, in addition to two state-wide organizers. In Orange the movement claims one out of every six persons in the town.

He claimed the following membership figures for clubs in the larger cities: Springfield, 3000; Lowell, 3000; Middleboro, 1800; Orange, 1000; Malden, 1891; Quincy, 2000; Boston, 2500.

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REARDON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Plans No Important Changes
At Present

Promising rigid enforcement of the new teachers' oath act, James G. Reardon assumed his new duties as state commissioner of education yesterday morning after he had taken the oath of office before Gov. Curley.

For the present, he indicated, there will be no important changes in the policies of the department as conducted under the direction of his predecessor, Dr. Payson Smith of Brookline, who was ousted after 20 years of service as head of the department.

Dr. Smith retired from the scene shortly before noon with the issuance of a formal statement expressing his appreciation to those who have helped him to make his administration successful. No words of bitterness were included in his statement.

After administering the oath of office to Commissioner Reardon, Gov. Curley thrice assured him that the services of no public officer are indispensable and that "if we all were to drop dead tomorrow other men and women would take our places who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the education department as well as any other place. The education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours."

Still resenting the manner in which Dr. Smith was ousted from office, members of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters yesterday attempted to interview Lt.-Gov. Hurley to demand an explanation of the council's procedure in suspending its rules to provide for the speedy confirmation of Reardon's nomination.

Unable to obtain an appointment with the Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Helen G. Rotch and Mrs. Edward K. Nash, representing the league, said they would return to Mr. Hurley's office today.

Mrs. Richard H. Field, another executive of the league, urged its 3300 members to establish contacts with their councillors who voted against Dr. Smith and in favor of Commissioner Reardon and demand explanations.

Commissioner Reardon was greeted in his new office by numerous friends and was the guest at an informal reception at Hotel Bellevue early in the afternoon.

REARDON AT BANQUET

Commissioner of Education James G. Reardon made his first public appearance since his appointment,

CONGRATULATING EDUCATION HEAD



Gov. Curley congratulating James G. Reardon, new commissioner of education, as Mrs. Reardon looks on.

tendered to Joseph Kenrick, Quincy school committeeman, last night at the Montclair Community House, Quincy. Commissioner Reardon paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Kenrick. Other speakers were Mayor Thomas S. Burgin and Frank Foy. Thomas Noonan presided. Mr. Kenrick was presented with a gold watch and Mrs. Kenrick received a large bouquet of roses.

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CONROY WANTS ABSENCE LEAVE

Would Not Serve on State
Board While Legislature
Is in Session

Senator William S. Conroy of Fall River yesterday asked the members of the state industrial accident board to vote him a leave of absence from his duties on the board during the term of the approaching legislative session.

He was appointed to the industrial accident board by Gov. Curley last August but refused to resign

from the Senate. The statutes specifically direct members of the board to devote all their business time to the activities of the board. Accordingly, the legality of his acts as a member of the board would be challenged if he should continue to

serve as a member while sitting in the Senate.

If the leave is granted he will be eligible to return to his duties on the board after the prorogation of the Legislature. He informed his associates on the board that he proposes to serve out his term in the Senate because of his familiarity with the "likes and the dislikes and the wants of the good people of my district."

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RESENT CURLEY 'RIOT' WARNING

WPA Officials Say His
Plea for Payment of
Workers Is Days Late

INCENDIARY ALSO, ACCORDING TO SOME

Nearly a week after the national works progress administration and the department of the treasury at Washington had cut red tape to pay WPA workers before Christmas, Gov. Curley yesterday issued a demand that the workers should be paid before Christmas in order, he said, to avoid "riots and bloodshed."

WPA officials were aroused by the Curley statement. They said it was not only several days late but incendiary as well. They pointed to announcements in the press during the past week describing the ma-

chinery installed to speed up pay checks.

Col. C. L. Peek of the WPA national organization, has been in Massachusetts for nearly a month installing the simplified system now in force, and Harry Hopkins and Aubrey Williams, WPA administrators at Washington, issued statements early in the week ordering that workers whose pay period ends today should be paid before the holiday.

ROTC'S ORDER

Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA administrator, announced Tuesday the workers whose pay period ended today would be paid before Christmas, but that federal regulations would not permit prepayment to workers whose week ended after Friday. He sent telegrams to all district directors ordering them to transfer administrative workers from other divisions to their payroll divisions, and to work all day tomorrow and Sunday to make sure the payrolls for Friday and previous days would be in the hands of treasury officials Monday so that pay checks could be drawn for distribution Monday and Tuesday.

Meanwhile, although WPA officials claim to have virtually cleaned up the problem of overdue pay checks

resulting from errors in payrolls submitted by sponsoring municipal departments, workers in several cities were still from three to five weeks behind in their pay, according to Gov. Curley's charges. He said 3000 in Lowell had not been paid since Nov. 21 and Wakefield workers were still five weeks behind.

Gov. Curley revealed he had gone over Hopkins's head to Postmaster-General Farley, who had promised to speak to the President about the Governor's warning of riots, and had also sent a hurry-up message to Hopkins. Curley described Rotch's administration as an abject failure.

"My quota was 113,700 workers in Massachusetts Dec. 1 and on that date I had exceeded the quota by nearly 7000," retorted Rotch. "I don't call that failure. The payrolls were held up at first but that has been straightened out and everything will be all right from now on."

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KIRK STARTING NEW TERM



Lt.-Col. Paul G. Kirk of Newton, renominated Wednesday by Gov. Curley for commissioner of public safety. He was unanimously confirmed by the Governor's council under suspension of the rules.

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Local Post Calls on Mather to Resign From the Newton School Committee

The attitude of Prof. Kirtley F. Mather of Harvard toward the teacher's oath was called "a scandalous disrespect for existing law" last night in a resolution demanding his resignation from the Newton school committee at a meeting of the Newton post of the American Legion in Newton city hall.

The resolution was referred to the executive committee of the post without a vote after an hour's discussion. A small group, including Lt.-Col. Harry D. Cormerais of the national guard, tried to oppose the resolution.

Atty. James A. Waters, chairman of registrars of voters of Newton, in introducing the resolution said, "The teachers bill passed the Legislature and the Governor and is a law. Mather is creating a public scandal to the school children and citizens of the state. A vast majority of teachers have obeyed the law willingly, but Mr. Mather has raised many objections and rushed into the newspapers, and his remarks, widely publicised, have resulted in a public scandal."

"He is using Harvard University as a springboard to propel himself into the headlines. I do not object to his enjoying free speech as an individual, but he shouldn't remain a member of the Newton school committee and give expression to his disloyalty."

The resolution called on Mather to resign his school board position because of his "repeated and widely publicised objections to taking and subscribing to the oath of allegiance," and because "by his own admission" he had been "publicly made a member of two organizations which have their headquarters in Moscow, the capital city of communist Russia."

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BRIEFS

At the benefit art sale being conducted at the studio of A. V. Nardini, 1280 Washington st., Boston, Gov. Curley last Saturday autographed a hand-painted Xmas card, which Miss Frida Perabo-Smith has sent to the Italian Red Cross nurses in Ethiopia.

Atty. Paul A. D'Agostino, retiring president of the Cosmopolitan Political Club of Cambridge, has been elected honorary president.

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Langone Files Bill to Oust Mansfield

In the midst of the bitter controversy between Gov. Curley and Mayor Mansfield, a bill was filed last Monday by Sen. Joseph A. Langone calling for a referendum on the question of holding a special election for Mayor in May.

The bill, if enacted into law, would permit the citizens of Boston to oust Mayor Mansfield.

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BRIEFS

Ex-Rep. Anthony Garofano of Saugus has been sworn in as a member of the State Board of Registration of Barbers, to which position he was re-appointed by Gov. Curley.

Two dollars is the cost of a year's subscription to the NEWS, which will serve as an ideal Christmas gift.

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Over 10,000 Visitors at Opening of Cifrino's South Boston Market

Second Big Market Opened by John and Paul Cifrino
Within a Year Speaks "Last Word" — Has Novel
Fixtures and Unique System to Facilitate
Shopping — Magnificent Edifice Built
by the D'Amore Construction Co.

GOVERNOR CURLEY AMONG EARLY VISITORS

Gov. James M. Curley was among the early arrivals at the new South Boston Market. His Excellency, who is a close personal friend of John and Paul Cifrino, manifested no little amazement over the new enterprise. He spent fully an hour in a tour of inspection.

In the midst of their great success at their comparatively new Supreme Market on Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, John and Paul Cifrino found time last Tuesday to return "home" to South Boston for the gala opening of another market — the South Bos-

At the formal opening of the South Boston Market Tuesday, it was estimated that fully 10,000 visited the impressive occasion and no small number of these had journeyed to the pretentious establishment for the sole purpose of extending their congratulations and best wishes to John and Paul.

The new market, comprising two floors and basement, is the 'last word' in establishments of its kind. Nothing was left undone, no expense spared. Up-to-the minute fixtures, including a new Toledo Plaskon scales, an innovation, and a complete National Cash Register system are some of the factors that will facilitate and speed up shopping. Other features are mastic-non-slip flooring, the latest porcelain show cases with new white water glass, air-conditioned throughout. A modern incinerator, which burns rubbish to produce plenty of heat, hot water and steam at no expense, are other features.

Always doing the unusual, John and Paul Cifrino had two artesian wells sunk to provide cool, spring water in

abundance, available to the patrons through conveniently located drinking fountains.

A modern sunlight bakery on the premises and open at all times to the public, will insure patrons of hot-baked goods at all times.

To meet the automobile parking problem, a parking space has been provided in the rear of the Market to



PAUL CIFRINO

accommodate 500 cars. Thus, while the City, State and National Government have been quarreling over the housing project, the Cifrino Brothers went right ahead and had a dozen old houses torn down for available parking space from Athens to Third sts.

South Boston may justly feel proud, not only of the finest commercial building erected in that section in the last 50 years, but also of John and Paul Cifrino for their initiative, courage and faith in this period. Like their Supreme Market completed about a year ago, the construction of the South Boston Market provided work for hundreds of men. The new Market employs nearly 200 men and women of South Boston.

While visitors last Tuesday marveled at the pretentiousness of the interior, with its novel and up-to-date fixtures, they were also amazed over the wonderful appearance and construction of the building itself. And in this connection great credit is due to Gerard V. D'Amore, head of the D'Amore Construction Co., general contractors of 89 State st., Boston. Mr. D'Amore not only completed the fine building in record time, but also to the great satisfaction of all concerned.



JOHN CIFRINO

ton Market — located at 470 Broadway. For, it was in South Boston, just 25 years ago, that the Cifrino Brothers, with their good friend, Max Cataldo, embarked in business in a store hardly larger than a proverbial bird cage.

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Mayor Plans To Bare Curley City Hall Rule

Dodge Added to Staff Investigating Governor's City Hall Regime

Boston Today—also
sees—Boston lightship leaking after being rammed by British freighter carrying scrap iron—WPA promise workers 120,000 checks for Christmas—Markets loaded with appetizing variety of holiday foods—Foley ask for public aid in pushing school investigation—Dever announce that action has now been filed against every collection agency in State.

Dodge—Added to City Hall Inquiry Staff

Broadly hinting that his investigation of certain aspects of the mayoralty administration of James M. Curley is far from complete, Mayor Mansfield today announced that Robert G. Dodge, former president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, has been appointed special corporation counsel to pursue the probe. He will assist Corporation Counsel Henry F. Foley and Special Counsel George R. Farnum.

That despite filing a case in the Supreme Judicial Court against Edmund L. Dolan, city treasurer during Mr. Curley's incumbency, other cases may be under consideration was suggested in the Mayor's announcement. He said Mr. Dodge would enter the Dolan case to relieve Mr. Farnum so that investigation of "certain other matters growing out of the Dolan case might be continued."

It has been known in City Hall circles for some time that the city legal department, at the Mayor's behest, was looking into various projects undertaken during the Curley regime.

Mr. Dodge is a member of the federal Advisory Committee drafting new rules for lawyers and court for United States Supreme Court procedure.

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Judge Harry R. Dow's uncontested session.

Governor Working on 1936 Message

Because of pressure of time before the opening of the 1936 session of the Legislature, Governor Curley announced last night that he intends to devote his time today and tomorrow to the preparation of his message to the Senate and House on Jan. 1.

The Governor cancelled all other engagements and stated that he will not come to the State House again until Monday.

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Gov. Curley to Give Out Christmas Baskets

On Tuesday Governor Curley will give out the first of 300 Christmas baskets of the Volunteers of America at 25 Hanover street. Assisting him will be Lieutenant-Governor Joseph L. Hurley, P. A. O'Connell, former Attorney-General Joseph E. Warner and others.

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TALK HIGHWAY IN BLUE HILLS

Governor and Hultman
Confer on Project

A proposed new highway over the summit of the Blue Hills, at an estimated cost of \$700,000, was discussed by Governor and Chairman Hultman of the Metropolitan District Commission, at a conference at the State House yesterday afternoon.

The Governor said that the proposed improvement is yet only in its preliminary stage, but he suggested that Commissioner Hultman have plans prepared and that a recommendation for the necessary appropriation be submitted to the incoming Legislature, the expense to be borne by the Metropolitan District Commission, without seeking federal funds.

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FLORAL TRIBUTES BURY LONG'S DESK

A floral tribute to State Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long was enacted in the State House yesterday when Long's desk was literally buried with flowers marking his reappointment to that office by Gov. Curley and his council. The flowers were presented by employees and friends.

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FEARS WPA PAY RIOTS

Declaring the administration of the "official-in-charge" to have been an "abject failure," Governor Curley wrote a vigorous demand to Harry Hopkins, federal emergency administrator at Washington, yesterday, to assure payments



of WPA wages in this state before Christmas to avoid "the possibility of riots and bloodshed."

Before writing to Hopkins the Governor made personal remonstrance by telephone to Postmaster General Farley, who promised the Governor he would take the matter up with both the President and Hopkins. Then the Governor indited his letter to Hopkins.

He called Hopkins' attention to Lowell where, he wrote, 3000 men and women WPA workers have not been paid since Nov. 21.

He wrote that they were naturally resentful and that their resentment "may find expression in some stronger form than verbal. In Wakefield, the Governor wrote, WPA workers have not been paid for five weeks, and in many other Bay State cities similar conditions exist. He went on:

"There is a possibility of riots and bloodshed unless persons employed under the Works Progress Administration receive their wages prior to Christmas."

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Shake!

James G. and
Mrs. Reardon,
the new
education
commissioner
and his wife,
shown at
State House
yesterday
with Governor
Curley
congratulating
after Reardon
was sworn in
to new post.
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...the police re-
ported, was operated by Wise.

PLAN \$700,000 BLUE HILLS ROAD

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of the Metropolitan District Com-
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REARDON IS SWORN IN BY GOV. CURLEY

Declaring that no one was indispensable in the state service, and expressing confidence in the qualifications of his appointee, Gov. James M. Curley yesterday administered the oath of office to James G. Reardon, of Adams, new state commissioner of education.

In the presence of more than 100 relatives and friends, Commr. Reardon indicated he would exact observance among teachers of the Teacher's Oath, a measure he had previously stated he was in favor of "one thousand percent."

Dr. Payson Smith, of Brookline, who served as commissioner of education for the past 19 years, issued a statement in which he thanked his associates for their cooperation.

In administering the oath to Reardon, the Governor said:

"I have appreciation that the education and training of your predecessor was no greater than yours.

"If we were all to drop dead tomorrow, other men and women would take our places who are even better qualified than we ever could be. This applies to the educational department as well as any other place. There is no one who is absolutely indispensable."

After pledging himself to uphold the high standards of education in the state, Commr. Reardon said he would do everything possible to secure employment for citizens of Massachusetts who are qualified to teach.

Regarding the Teachers' Oath, Commr. Reardon said:

"As long as the law made by the General Court exists, there is no question about the duty of any educator who is a law abiding citizen. Those citizens who feel the law is not necessary can have recourse to the constitutional method of changing the law.

"Concerning the observance of the law itself, I can see no objection to any educator taking an oath which obligates him only to the performance of what is a clear duty — an oath similar in most respects to that taken by lawyers and by many public officials."

The new commissioner is 36 and is a graduate of Boston College, class of 1923. He also attended Harvard and Boston University.

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GOVERNOR LAUDS KANE'S REAL AID TO RECOVERY



Harry Kane, second right, president of the Kane Furniture Co., one of the largest chain furniture store organizations in the country, guest of honor at a dinner at Copley-Plaza Hotel. L. to r., Ben Elfmann, Arthur Stern, Mr. Kane, Joe Burk.

As a man who has provided increasing employment for workers and increasing activity for factories Harry Kane, President of the Kane Furniture Co., operating 15 stores in Boston and New England, has the hearty compliments of Gov. Curley.

These felicitations were conveyed to Kane at a testimonial banquet, by Clerk Theodore Glynn of Roxbury District Court, former Boston fire commissioner, as representative of the governor at the banquet.

The festivity, in observance of a birthday anniversary of Kane, was in the Swiss Room of the Copley-Plaza Hotel. More than 100 personal and business friends and associates were present.

Kane was heartily congratulated also upon building up his organization to its present status from a single store within a few years.

Toastmaster Frank Houlihan presented Kane a large golden key, symbolic of the key to the new office furnished for Mr. Kane by his friends as their birthday gift to him.

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PAROLE PROTEST

SCORED BY CURLEY

Because of protests by Worcester clergymen and others, disapproving of Gov. Curley's recommendation for commutation of sentence for Harry A. Gardner of Worcester, the protests will be referred to the committee on pardons for a hearing, the governor announced yesterday.

Gardner is serving a term of 10 to 12 years for maliciously burning a building. Gov. Curley approved commutation to 4 to 12 years, following unanimous recommendation of all penal department and correction officials.

"The protest made by certain church dignitaries of Worcester against the recommendation for commutation of sentence in the case of Henry A. Gardner," Gov. Curley said, "has been of such character that I have decided to refer the protests to the committee on pardons of the Governor's Council."

"The recommendation in this case was based, as far as I have been able to ascertain, on the

fact that the man had served four years, that it was his first offense, and that unquestionably he was not in his right mind at the time the offense was committed.

"If a protest is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness, and they are not influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutation to any offender."

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Urges Hearing on Worcester Burning Case

Curley Acts on Getting Strong Protest Against Letting Gardner Out of Prison

Responding to the protest of Worcester clergymen and other citizens against his proposed Christmas pardon of Harry A. Gardner of Worcester, Governor James M. Curley announced yesterday that he has asked the pardon committee of the Executive Council to grant a hearing at 10 A. M., Monday, to all persons desiring to make objection to the release of Gardner who is serving a State prison sentence of from ten to twelve years for maliciously burning a building.

"The protest, made by certain church dignitaries of Worcester against the recommendation for commutation of sentence in the case of Gardner from ten to twelve years to four to twelve years of which he has served four years, and in event of parole would have an opportunity to spend Christmas Day for the first time in four years with his family and relatives, has been of such character that I have decided to refer the protest to the committee on pardons of the Governor's Council," the governor said.

"My approval of the commutation in this case was based on the fact that it was one of the few cases where every official connected with the Penal Department and with Corrections was unanimous in approval of the commutation, a recommendation having been approved by Arthur T. Lyman, commissioner of correction; Richard Olney, chairman; Matthew W. Bullock and P. Emmett Gavin of the parole board; and also by Warden Francis J. Lannigan and Superintendent Maurice Winslow of the State prison colony.

"The recommendation in this case was based, so far as I have been able to ascertain, on the fact that the man had served four years, that it was his first offense, and that unquestionably he was not in his right mind at the time the offense was committed, being under the influence of liquor. If a protest is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender.

"I am quite sure that the committee on pardons of the Governor's Council will accept my recommendation and grant a hearing to those who have voiced a protest. Any individual desiring to appear in objection to approval by the pardon committee to the granting of same is at liberty to be present at the session of that body in the council chamber on Monday at 10 A. M.

Councillor Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, former chairman of the State Board of Parole, declared today that he will oppose the recommendation for Gardner's release.

"I have examined carefully the folder in the Gardner case and can find absolutely no reason whatever why I should vote for the recommended commutation of sentence," the councillor said.

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the recent sentencing of a Swiss charged
with evading military duty.

Crippled Children Frolic to Be Held Saturday

Three hundred crippled and handicapped children are expected to attend the annual crippled children's Christmas frolic at the Hotel Statler, Saturday afternoon under the sponsorship of the Open Door, 403 Beacon street. Edwin Talbot Thayer will be in charge of the program.

In addition to refreshments and presents, a varied entertainment has been assembled. Through the courtesy of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Edward C. Donnelly and radio station WCOP, the entertainment will be broadcast from 2.30 to 3 P. M. The Copley Chorus will be heard in a special broadcast of Christmas carols this evening over station WHDH from 5.45 to 6 P. M., in connection with the frolic.

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Plan for Highway Up Great Blue Hill

Curley and Hultman Confer Over Plan for Zig-Zag Automobile Road

If plans now under consideration by Governor James M. Curley and Metropolitan District Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman are carried out, an automobile highway will be built to the top of Great Blue Hill.

The chief executive and the commissioner conferred yesterday on the matter and a preliminary announcement followed. Arthur Sedgewick, consulting landscape architect for the commission, has prepared a plan, keeping in mind the necessity of preserving the natural scenic beauty of the territory.

The highway would start at the concession stand at the foot of the western slope and run into a parking space at the top of the eminence. Instead of circling the hill as is customary in laying

out a road of the kind, the plans call for overcoming the steep grade by zig-zagging, which would render it unnecessary for the many persons who climb the hill afoot to cross and re-cross the road.

The highway would be divided, with the narrower strip set apart for automobiles that are descending. As planned, the steepest grade would be 8 per cent.

From the parking area at the summit a magnificent view may be had in all directions. As laid out the new highway would cover about a quarter of the surface of the hill.

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Reardon Takes Oath as Head of Education

**"If Men Drop Out, Others Better
Qualified," Fill Places,
Says Curley**

In swearing in James G. Reardon as commissioner of education, Governor James M. Curley, alluding to displacing former commissioner, Dr. Payson Smith, said yesterday:

"No one is absolutely indispensable," he said. "When we go off this stage others more competent will take our places and the retirement of one man is not the calamity it seems."

Governor Curley told Mr. Reardon that his predecessor, Mr. Smith, had training that was no greater than his successor's. "If men drop out there are others better qualified to take their places, and I am sure that will apply to the board of education," he said.

The governor also commented on the fact that Mr. Reardon's predecessor had come from a neighboring State to assume his duties in Massachusetts.

Dr. Payson Smith, on leaving his post as commissioner of education, expressed to the thousands of school officials, teachers and citizens his deep appreciation of their support through the nineteen years he held office.

The retiring commissioner declared also that the press has been of invaluable service in acquainting the public with the work and activities of the office and in sincere and wholesome criticism of its policies.

"I have taken great pride and satisfaction in the office of commissioner of education, and I have made every effort to discharge its duties in a manner consistent with its high traditions. In that effort, I have had at all times the invaluable support of the members of the State board of education, of my associates on

The subversive influences against which the teachers' oath law was enacted could have been corrected without the necessity of using the instrument of law, Commissioner Reardon believes. When the Board of Education heard of radicalism and subversive teachings, it could have put an end to them, he added.

"Communism has no place in the school system," he said, "and I will do everything I can to eradicate radicalism." He was not prepared to say whether he would cause changes to be made in the conduct of the department, saying "I will wait until I am more conversant with it."

After the ceremonies in the governor's office, the new commissioner received his friends in the rooms of the Board of Education. Dr. Smith was not present.

The new commissioner was born in Medway, and graduated from Boston College in 1923. His wife, the former Anita Thorndike, is a daughter of Judge Herbert C. Thorndike of Brockton. They have four children, Cynthia Ann, seven; James G., five; Susan, three, and Rosemary, one.

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Curley Honorary Roosevelt Chairman

Governor James M. Curley was notified today that he had been appointed honorary chairman of the Massachusetts committee in charge of arrangements for the birthday ball in honor of President Roosevelt on Jan. 30.

The appointment was made by Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the national committee. The ball will be one of many held in principal cities throughout the country on the President's birthday for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of victims of infantile paralysis.

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State Democratic Women Hold Charity Party Tonight

The Women's Division of the Democratic State Committee will hold a charity turkey and whist party tonight in Hotel Bellevue. An attendance of 500 is expected, according to Mrs. Joseph A. Langone, Jr., who heads the directing committee.

Governor Curley and other Democrats have contributed turkeys as prizes.

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Volunteers of America Announce Yuletide Plans

Governor James M. Curley will extend Christmas greetings to three hundred persons and present the first basket of Christmas delicacies at the old folks Christmas party of the Volunteers of America, in the forgotten man's clubroom next Tuesday afternoon.

Others participating will be Lieutenant Governor Joseph L. Hurley, P. A. O'Connell, Joseph E. Warner, Walter V. McCarthy, Emil Fuchs, Richard E. Johnston, Mrs. Margaret O'Reardon, Mrs. Mary MacNeill, William H. Taylor and members of the board of directors.

Christmas activities of the Volunteers include dinner for two hundred members of the unemployed men's club on Tuesday evening, when each guest will receive a personal gift from Mr. O'Connell and a Christmas tree and party for resident mothers and children in Theodora House. Trays, baskets and clothing will be distributed to families of prisoners by the Volunteer Prison League; Christmas dinners will also be provided for families in great need and new shoes will be given to children.

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Christmas Frolic

"The Open Door" of 408 Beacon street, is sponsoring a Christmas frolic for crippled children to be held at the Hotel Statler tomorrow at two o'clock. There will be a Santa Claus to distribute the presents from under the tree and a group of young ladies will assist Mrs. E. W. Gobrecht and Miss Dorothy Powers in serving the refreshments. Some Boy Scouts will assist Mrs. Emma G. Tunnicliff, the general chairman of the party and Mrs. Edward C. Donnelly, Jr., will be Santa Claus's chief aide.

The sponsoring committee of "The Open Door" and of the party includes His Excellency Governor James M. Curley; His Honor and Mrs. Frederick W. Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. Alvan T. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Allen, Rev. Samuel Lindsay, D.D., Judge Emma Fall Schofield, Judge Jennie Lottman Barron, Mrs. Edward C. Donnelly, Mrs. H. Lawrence Southwick, Mrs. Wallace S. Wright, Mrs. John Donnelly, Miss Sheila O'Donovan Rossa, Mrs. Moyer Grant, Mrs. Louis Ziegel, Mrs. William Gilman; Mrs. Howard B. Sprague, Mrs. William A. Muller, Mrs. Nelson Howard, Mrs. Quincy Shaw, Mrs. H. H. Crabtree, Mrs. E. A. Anthony, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Miss Deborah Gale, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Edward C. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tuckerman, Alexander McGregor, William J. Barry, Joseph Meranda, Dr. Leroy M. S. Minor, Dr. Robert T. Phillips, Dr. Richard B. Phillips, Dr. Frank R. Ober, Dr. Tracy J. Putnam, Joseph Gregg Neal, Arthur Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Chirurg, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Moore and Dr. and Mrs. William Shedden.

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MOTOR TRUCK CLUB AT ANNUAL DINNER

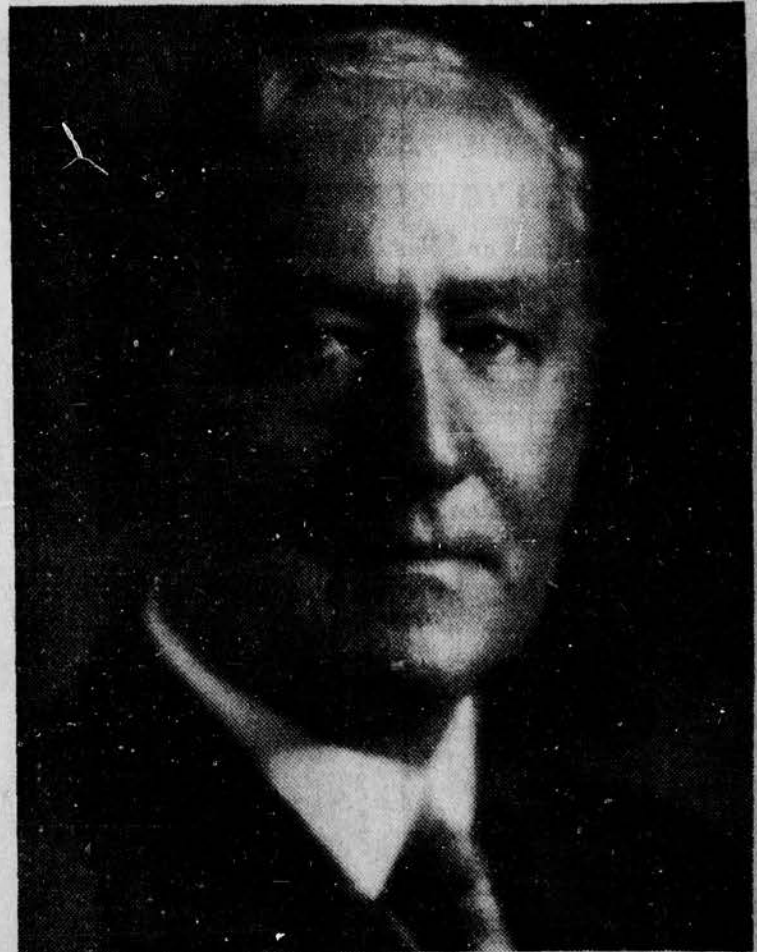
An urgent plea for support of the motor carriers' act and government regulation of the trucking industry was presented last night by John L. Rogers, director of the motor carrier bureau of the Interstate Commerce Commission, at the 16th annual dinner and meeting of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts at the Copley Plaza.

Other speakers were Atty.-Gen. Paul Dever, representing Gov. Curley; Percy Arnold of Providence, representing the American Trucking Association; and John F. Curran, vice-president of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts. The toastmaster for the evening was Francis Barrett, president of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts. E. C. Benway, manager of the club, was in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

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DODGE PROSECUTOR AT TRIAL OF DOLAN



(Photo by Garo)
ROBERT G. DODGE

Retained by City as Aide to Foley and Farnum in Unexpected Strengthening of Legal Battery

In a sudden, unexpected strengthening of the city's legal batteries in its suit against Edmund L. Dolan, former city treasurer, Mayor Mansfield today named Robert G. Dodge as special assistant corporation counsel to aid in the prosecution.

Dodge, one of the best-known attorneys in New England, entered an appearance in the supreme court in connection with the case.

At the same time, Mayor Mansfield made known that a further investigation of the activities of Dolan would be made. The mayor said:

"In presentation of the case, Mr. Dodge will be associated with

Henry E. Foley, corporation counsel, and George R. Farnum, special assistant corporation counsel.

"In addition, Mr. Farnum, under the direction of Mr. Foley, will continue his investigation into certain other matters more or less related to this litigation."

(The closing lines of the statement obviously referred directly to Dolan's official activities.)

In its suit against the former city treasurer, the city charges Dolan and six other defendants profited to the extent of \$250,000 through

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deals in city bonds engineered through "dummy" companies allegedly controlled by Dolan.

Dodge, former president of the Boston Bar Association, has been a leading figure in many notable cases. A Harvard graduate, he is a member of the law firm of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge. He was attorney for the receivers of Charles Ponzi in 1920 and was counsel for former Atty.-Gen. Arthur K. Reading when impeachment proceedings were brought against that official in 1928.

Dodge also took part in the minority stockholders' suit against the Gillette Company and figured in the George L. Mayberry disbarment case.

He is a former Harvard law school instructor.

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BOARD VOTES CONROY LEAVE

Dever, However, Is Asked
to Rule on Senator's Plea

A leave of absence for Senator William S. Conroy of Fall River from his duties as a member of the industrial accident board during the coming session of the Legislature has been asked by Conroy and approved by the board.

The matter has been presented to Atty.-Gen. Paul A. Dever for a ruling as to whether it is possible. This afternoon Dever had not rendered his opinion.

Under the workmen's compensation act a member of the industrial accident board must give his entire time to the service of the board. A request from a high state official for leave of absence under such circumstances is believed to be without precedent in the State House.

Conroy was appointed to the industrial accident board last summer by Gov. Curley.

The industrial accident board was unanimous in approving Conroy's request for leave of absence without pay.

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WPA MEN BACK IN SOMERVILLE

Employees Ending Week
Tonight to Be Paid
Before Holiday

After being laid off at noon, 2200 WPA workers in Somerville returned to work at 2 o'clock for the day. Orders to resume work came from the office of State Administrator Arthur G. Rotch, after two investigators had been sent out and discovered there was plenty of material available so that work could continue. It had not been ascertained whether work would continue tomorrow.

Orders were issued today to department heads at WPA headquarters, Park Square building, that "every available employee must be loaned to the payroll division to make sure certain project workers are paid before Christmas."

Administrator Rotch repeated that workers whose week ends tonight will receive their pay before the holiday. In answer to reported delays in Lowell, Wakefield and Revere, the division of finance announced checks would be paid in those communities today.

Gov. Curley again blasted the WPA set-up as in a state of "utter collapse" in Wakefield, citing a letter received from J. Henry Morgan, WPA engineer in charge of the projects in that town.

Morgan wrote the Governor that 400 men had not been paid there for four weeks. Gov. Curley stated then:

"The feeble excuse of the WPA administrator, Mr. Arthur G. Rotch, that payment of wages have been delayed but five days is disproved by a letter received this day and which emphasizes the necessity for an immediate change."

Headquarters of district 3, which includes Wakefield, located at 49 Federal street, when informed of the Governor's complaint stated that Chief Auditor T. Duffy has been in Wakefield for the past few days to adjust the delay.

In Somerville, where the city council refused to appropriate funds for 2200 men to carry on WPA work after a stormy session that lasted until 2 A. M. today, a special meeting has been called for tonight in an

effort to replace the men at work without loss of pay. The men were laid off at noon today.

Rotch stated that he was confident that no rioting would result and that any workers not paid because of time-sheet errors would be cared for by the local welfare board during the time required to check the mistake.

Rotch would make no further comment on the letter sent by Gov. Curley to Relief Head Harry L. Hopkins, which threatened "rioting and violence if the workers were not paid."

After a check-up with the managers of the six state districts, Rotch's office declared satisfaction that the delayed check situation has "about cleared up." Only in district 2, which includes Middlesex, Norfolk and all of Suffolk county except Boston, are there some snarls to be straightened. An emergency crew is at work assisting B. J. Osborn, director.

Washington WPA officials arrived at the Park square headquarters today to aid in the survey which is intended to reduce the number of workers at the administrative quarters from more than 800 to 400 by the first of the year. When they are finished three divisions will control the WPA until it is eventually dissolved. These will be the personnel, operative and administrative.

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CURLEY DIRECTS / BIRTHDAY BALL

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WPA FUTURE IN DOUBT HERE

Workers Uneasy, Facing Layoffs; Wages Overdue

Thousands of WPA workers throughout the state were in doubt as to their immediate futures today, with wages overdue, workers in some cities and towns facing layoffs or discharge, and with Gov. Curley warning of riots or bloodshed and launching a bitter attack upon the state WPA administration.

Twenty-eight hundred WPA workers in Somerville faced dismissal by nightfall because of failure of the Somerville board of aldermen to appropriate \$75,000 for WPA work. Mayor James E. Hagan declared that every man on a WPA job in that city would be through by tonight. The workers will be forced to go on relief rolls.

Good news for most of the state's 120,000 WPA workers came from State Administrator Arthur G. Rotch, who gave assurance that wages would be paid before the holiday. Rotch ordered directors of the six districts to rush work in payroll divisions tomorrow and Sunday in order to prepare sheets for submission to the treasury department Monday morning.

in force, and Harry Hopkins and Aubrey Williams, WPA administrators at Washington, issued statements early in the week ordering that workers whose pay period ends today should be paid before the holiday.

ROTCH'S ORDER

Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA administrator, announced Tuesday the workers whose pay period ended today would be paid before Christmas, but that federal regulations would not permit prepayment to workers whose week ended after Friday. He sent telegrams to all district directors ordering them to transfer administrative workers from other divisions to their payroll divisions, and to work all day tomorrow and Sunday to make sure the payrolls for Friday and previous days would be in the hands of treasury officials Monday so that pay checks could be drawn for distribution Monday and Tuesday.

Meanwhile, although WPA officials claim to have virtually cleaned up the problem of overdue pay checks resulting from errors in payrolls

submitted by sponsoring municipal departments, workers in several cities were still from three to five weeks behind in their pay, according to Gov. Curley's charges. He said 3000 in Lowell had not been paid since Nov. 21 and Wakefield workers were still five weeks behind.

Gov. Curley revealed he had gone over Hopkins's head to Postmaster-General Farley, who had promised to speak to the President about the Governor's warning of riots, and had also sent a hurry-up message to Hopkins. Curley described Rotch's administration as an abject failure.

"My quota was 113,700 workers in Massachusetts Dec. 1 and on that date I had exceeded the quota by nearly 7000," retorted Rotch. "I don't call that failure. The payrolls were held up at first but that has been straightened out and everything will be all right from now on."

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RESENT CURLEY 'RIOT' WARNING

WPA Officials Say His Plea for Payment of Workers Is Days Late

Nearly a week after the national works progress administration and the department of the treasury at Washington had cut red tape to pay WPA workers before Christmas, Gov. Curley yesterday issued a demand that the workers should be paid before Christmas in order, he said, to avoid "riots and bloodshed."

WPA officials were aroused by the Curley statement. They said it was not only several days late but incendiary as well. They pointed to announcements in the press during the past week describing the machinery installed to speed up pay checks.

Col. C. L. Peek of the WPA national organization, has been in Massachusetts for nearly a month installing the simplified system now

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HEARING CALLED IN FIREBUG CASE

Pardon Protests Will Be Heard on Monday in Worcester Case

In his capacity as chairman of the executive council's committee on pardons, Lt.-Gov. Joseph L. Hurley yesterday announced that a public hearing would be held Monday morning on Gov. Curley's recommendation that commutation of sentence be given Henry A. Gardner, confessed pyromaniac serving a term of 10 to 12 years in state prison.

Announcement of the Governor's proposal to arrange an immediate parole for Gardner provoked vigorous protests in Worcester where his firebug activities created a reign of terror that was not ended until he was apprehended after setting a fire that destroyed All Saints Episcopal Church.

Members of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, damaged by one of Gardner's incendiary fires, adopted a resolution protesting against any extension of clemency to him.

The Governor himself protested against the procedure of "church dignitaries" in objecting to extending mercy to a first offender. "If a protest," he said, "is justified in this case by those men who teach the doctrine of forgiveness and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all that it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

He predicted that the council would accept his recommendation for clemency to the Worcester firebug who has served less than four years of his sentence.

Councillor Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, after inspecting all the records on Gardner, said he could find nothing to recommend any approval by him of voting to extend clemency in this particular case.

Councillor Winfield A. Schuster of East Douglas said he would make a personal investigation of Gardner's record. This move is based upon protests made by members of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church who believe that Gardner has not been punished enough for the manner in which he terrorized the west side of Worcester.

According to the Rev. Richard Greeley Preston, rector of All Saints Church, no organized protest on the part of the church members against Gardner's release is being contemplated at this time. The Rev. Mr. Preston said that the latter was primarily one of protection for the community, rather than for All Saints Church, and that if Gardner is to be released, it must be established beyond any doubt that he is not a confirmed pyro-maniac.

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CONROY WANTS ABSENCE LEAVE

Senator William S. Conroy of Fall River yesterday asked the members of the state industrial accident board to vote him a leave of absence from his duties on the board during the term of the approaching legislative session.

He was appointed to the industrial accident board by Gov. Curley last August but refused to resign from the Senate. The statutes specifically direct members of the board to devote all their business time to the activities of the board. Accordingly, the legality of his acts as a member of the board would be challenged if he should continue to serve as a member while sitting in the Senate.

If the leave is granted he will be eligible to return to his duties on the board after the prorogation of the Legislature. He informed his associates on the board that he proposes to serve out his term in the Senate because of his familiarity with the "likes and the dislikes and the wants of the good people of my district."

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CRIPPLED TOTS XMAS FROLIC

Final plans are complete for the annual crippled children's Christmas frolic to be held at the Hotel Statler tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 P. M. This frolic is under the sponsorship of "The Open Door," 408 Beacon street, and it is expected

that this year more than 300 crippled and handicapped children, ranging in age from 2 to 16 years, will attend.

In addition to refreshments and a bounty of presents from Santa, a very wide and varied program of entertainment has been assembled.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Edward C. Donnelly, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Donnelly, Mr. John Donnelly and radio station WCOP, there will be a broadcast to the shut-ins of the hospitals from 2:30 to 3 direct from the Statler Hotel. The Copley chorus will be heard in a special broadcast of Christmas carols tonight over station WHDH from 5:45 to 6 in connection with the Saturday frolic. This program is also to be carried to the shut-ins of Greater Boston hospitals.

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